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Palestinian dictator, Mahmoud Abbas, 90, recently began serving the 21st year of his four-year term. In response to Western pressure to reform his Palestinian Authority, Abbas instead just introduced the draft of a new constitution that codifies war-mongering policies toward Israel.

Palestinians' new constitution slams door on Middle East peace

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Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

The Palestinian Authority's recent draft of a shiny new constitution is meant to mollify Western nations who demand an end to the PA's obsession with killing Jews and destroying the Jewish state. But anyone who's ever uttered the words "Middle East peace" will surely be disappointed with the make-over.

Apparently, the Palestinians can't help themselves: Their new constitution simply recommits them to the same old jihad they've waged for 78 years against Israel. Indeed, the

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3) Declaration of Jerusalem as the Palestinians’ eternal capital, though it has never been the capital of a Palestinian nation, nor even a Muslim or Arab capital; and

4) Uninterrupted support for [armed] “resistance” against [Israeli] “occupation” of the Palestinian “homeland,” which mentions no sharing of territory with Israel or the Jewish people.

While the new constitution does make promises about introducing some civil liberties for Palestinians, these sops to liberality are like decorative icing on a rotten cake—nullified by the constitution’s commitment to Islamic supremacy.

If the Palestinians really want acceptance from Israel, the U.S. and the rest of the Western world, they will need truthfully to re-form—throw out and thoroughly condemn the goals and policies that deny every possibility for peace with their Jewish neighbors. This means affirming reality—renouncing the “right of return,” acknowledging 3,000 years of Jewish history and heritage in the land of Israel, accepting the right of the Jewish people to sovereignty in their indigenous homeland, and renouncing terrorism.

Unfortunately, given new Middle East poll results showing that 91% of Palestinians oppose recognition of Israel, any constitution that approves peaceful relations with the Jewish state will face tough Arab opposition.

The “right of return” equals Israel’s destruction. *Article 12* of the new Palestinian constitution mandates “ensuring the right of return for refugees according to international legitimacy resolutions.” This is basically a call for Israel’s destruction, as the “right of return” means flooding present-day Israel with six million descendants of the original 1948 Palestinian refugees, which would nullify the country’s Jewish majority, and therefore, the Jewish state itself. Fact: Actual Arab refugees from Israel’s war of independence still living number only about 30-50,000—not their six million descendants often cited by the PA and UNRWA.

The fact that the new Palestinian constitution insists on a “right of return” indicates that the Palestinians still want to destroy Israel, and thus have no interest in peace.

Enshrining terrorist “pay-for-slay.” *Article 24* of the new Palestinian constitution requires that the “State of Palestine” care for the “families of martyrs” and “victims of genocide.” Fact: Neither the United Nations, nor any other respected body interpreting international law has found that Palestinians have suffered genocide or that Israel intentionally committed it. This is slander.

Perhaps more importantly—*Article 24* and *Article 44*—mentioning Martyrs, wounded, prisoners mirror the PA’s long-standing “pay for slay” program, which provides stipends to families of Palestinians killed or imprisoned for murdering Jews. The Palestinians have long been under pressure by the West to end this practice. Rather than end pay-for-slay, however, the Palestinian constitution enshrines it. As long as Palestinians are paid to murder Jews, there will never be peace, let alone a two-state solution.



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Western powers, including the EU and U.S., have consistently urged the Palestinians and Israelis to recognize each other’s heritage in the holy city. But while Israel has long acknowledged the sanctity of the city for all three Abrahamic faiths, the Palestinians’ new constitution reaffirms their continuing refusal to acknowledge Jerusalem’s Jewish heritage or accept Jewish sovereignty over any part of it.

Declaring war rather than calling for peace. The Palestinians’ new constitution accuses Israel of “colonial settlement occupation,” “displacement and ethnic cleansing” and “genocide,” and calls on Palestinians “to pursue the perpetrators of these crimes,” echoing PLO charters and current educational curricula promoting “resistance,” behaviors that Western powers decry as glorifying terrorism.

Islamic supremacy supersedes liberal democratic values in the “State of Palestine.” The new Palestinian constitution masquerades as enshrining liberal democratic values, but in fact, mandates Islamic supremacy. *Article 4* establishes Islam as the official religion and “the principles of Islamic Sharia” as “a primary source for legislation.” This is consistent with current Palestinian self-rule, where Sharia overrides civil and democratic rights, even though such rights are already codified in Palestinian law. In effect, the new Palestinian constitution merely formalizes the status quo without liberalization.

To achieve peace, Palestinians must reject failed policies and principles. This means 1) renouncing the right of return; 2) acknowledging and accepting Jewish history and heritage in Jerusalem and the rest of the Holy Land; 3) recognizing Jews’ right to self-determination in their native land; 4) demonstrating Palestinians’ commitment to liberal democracy by codifying governance according to rule of law and civil liberties; and 5) renouncing terrorism and ending pay-for-slay.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that the new Palestinian constitution simply doubles down on the decades-old failed policies and principles that have left the Palestinians stateless and destitute for nearly eight decades.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline at no charge.

Best regards,

James Sinkinson, President

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P.S. Surely you’ve recently read of some celebrity, politician, radical student, foreign head of state or media pundit slander Israel with the “Gaza genocide” lie. Many who spread this lie are ignorant, but most are anti-Israel haters. They care nothing for the truth. The tragedy is, when they utter the Gaza genocide falsehood, too few knowledgeable people—and virtually no media—stand up to refute it. Indeed, when you share the simple facts, the genocide lie crumbles. Upon learning that Israel conducts its war against Hamas terrorists with the highest ethical standards—and that *nothing* Israel does in Gaza fits the definition of genocide—fair-minded people quickly see through the lie. I hope you’ll agree that we

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