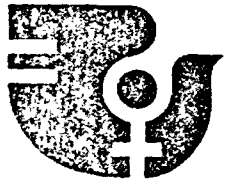




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Letter dated 20 June 1975 from the President of the delegation of the
Palestine Liberation Organization addressed to the President of the
World Conference of the International Women's Year

I have the honour to inform you that my delegation has received the attached telegram from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

I shall be grateful if you will have the attached telegram reproduced and circulated to the Conference.

TEXT OF TELEGRAM

Please convey to the delegates participating in the World Conference of the International Woman's Year, Mexico City, the greetings of the people of Palestine, the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and my personal greetings. In the name of hundreds of thousands of mothers, wives, and daughters who have been denied the right to attend to their brothers, husbands and children in their own homes, we wish the Conference success.

The task of the Conference, we believe, is to guarantee not solely the rights of woman but all human rights without discrimination. The Palestinian people have been suffering occupation and the denial of human rights. The Israeli occupation forces continue their inhuman and barbaric acts against our people; they persistently disregard the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the Geneva Conventions in addition to a complete disregard of all resolutions adopted by the various commissions and organs of the United Nations.

Thanks to the awakening consciousness of humanity the truth is being uncovered.

The Palestinian woman is playing a major role in our struggle to recuperate our rights, despite the adverse conditions she lives under.

To the delegates we appeal that they raise their voice and condemn and put an end to the practices of the occupation forces against hundreds of our women and thousands of our men held arbitrarily in Israeli prisons under torture and inhuman conditions. We appeal to the delegates to support us in our struggle to regain our inalienable national rights in Palestine and in particular the right to return and the right to self-determination and the right to national independence and sovereignty.

We know that the Conference is aware and conscious of the fact that under alien domination progress is hindered. The Palestinian woman can fulfil her part, in all fields of development and progress, in a concrete way once her occupied homeland is liberated.
