## J-Link Coordinating Committee

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**Dear President Mahmoud Abbas** 

We are writing on behalf of J-Link, an international network of progressive Jewish organizations, to express our condolences on the untimely death of Dr. Saeb Erekat.

Dr. Erekat was internationally respected as a consistent voice for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, based on the right to self-determination of the two peoples. He held fast to the hope of achieving a negotiated 2 state outcome, and his leadership will be missed at this time of many challenges for the Palestinian people.

Our sympathy to his family and to those who share his hopes and vision for peace between our people.

Respectfully,

J-Link Coordinating Committee, Alon Liel, Policy Working Group, Israel; Ken Bob, Ameinu, U.S.; Giorgio Gomel, J-Call, Italy: Barbara Landau, JSpaceCanada; Gabriella Saven, Jewish Democratic Initiative, South Africa; Pablo Lumerman, J-AmLat, Argentina.

J-Link is an international network of progressive Jewish organizations. We share a love of Israel and a commitment to democracy, human rights, religious pluralism, and a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We believe in the values enshrined in Israel's Declaration of Independence, which promise "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex." For more information visit: www.jlinknetwork.org