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ANNOUNCEMENT

In November, 1991, Partners for Peace in the Middle East emerged, operating as an informal working committee, serving to bring together both existing networks and unaffiliated individuals for a more effective voice calling for peace and justice in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The American Alliance for Palestinian Human Rights has been working toward much the same goal since March of 1988 when it was established as an independent, non-partisan, non-ethnic, tax exempt educational corporation serving as an information clearinghouse. Since then the AAPHR has established a voice information system in the Washington area and has published a monthly bulletin which has been delivered to Members of Congress as well as circulated to their mailing list. Recently AAPHR has earned status as a participating Non Governmental Organization from the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestianian People.

The leaders of both these groups explored the mutual advantage in combining their efforts and merged as of June 1, 1992. The current board of AAPHR has elected Jerri Bird, the originator and national coordinator of PPME to serve as President, and has elected Patricia Browning, Episcopal Church, Landrum Bolling, President Emeritus, Earlham College, and George McGovern, former U.S. Senator, to serve on the Board of Directors along with the current Directors and Officers. Robert Listou, co-founder and former executive director of AAPHR, will continue as board member and Secretary-Treasurer. The Editorial Board of the former American Alliance for Palestinian Human Rights, and the Advisory Council of the former Partners for Peace in the Middle East, have been incorporated into the new organization.

Members of the Working Committee, the heart of the organization, are: Imad Abi Saleh, Mubarak Awad, Hooman Bakhtiar, Eugene Bird, Jerri Bird, Sam Burgan, Laura Cooley, Anne Dammarell, Laura Drake, Tamara J. Duggleby, Philip Farah, Dr. Sam Farah, Leila Gorchev, Alana Hunter, Hala Jabbour, Renée Joyner, Allan Kellums, Robert Listou, George Moses, Reuben Musgrave, Muhammad Najjab, Barbara Nash, Mary Neznek, Madge Pendleton, Charles Rhoads, Mary Schmidt, and Kathy Sternberg, Cynthia Young,

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