

Time has come to form :

The Palestinian Economic and Social Committee

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the previous period was a trial one, we gained much of the know-how, studied and learned the experience of the advanced and non advanced countries, made attempts to find out suitable forms to be adopted, some times we failed , stumbled, differed, struggled and some times we carried the stick from the middle, and some times we from the right road; improvised too much from the behaviors and decisions, Some of them “ lasted” despite the different faults, and was about to be a method for our performance, the world, first laughed at us, then contradicted and criticized us, then asked us to change this performance, then it became a demand from the entire world holding the name “ The Reform”.

We started to build the basis of our state from top to base, as all third world countries do. Our friends in developed countries, who wanted to assist us building our independence, knew that this way will not lead us to a genuine state, based on law and order, but will lead to a semi state, based on personal influence, flatteries and deceits, every one looked for a mediators to facilitate their missions and interests , thus we reached a point that “ The Reform” has been transformed as a national target.

To rebuild the state institutions correctly, based on comprehensive representation, the healthy state should form its laws and decisions in an integrated way, from the base of the pyramid ahead till its top; from the people first through legislative, judicial and executives bodies till the peak of the pyramid, this will enable the people to play an advisory and guidance role, specially in the social and economic aspects effected his daily life, such as wages, security of jobs, health insurance, and social security.

People can only play this role through the Economic and social committee, which represents the interest of the civil society, its members are selected carefully, from elected bodies representing employees and employers, such as : industrialists, farmers, traders, craftsmen and other social and economic and interest groupings. The government should not be represented in this committee and should not influence it, as it must be completely independent.

Its decisions must be taken in a consensus way , its just a consultative body to the government and legislative council.

Its the correct time now to establish the Palestinian Economic and Social Committee “ PESC “ to represent and express the needs, interests and desires of organized civil society, to evaluate the social and economic effects of policies, draft legislation and monitor the effects of laws and regulations after they have taken effect.

The activities of PESC activities are : producing opinion at the request of the legislative and executive powers, producing opinions on its own initiative, organizing meetings and events to discuss relevant social and economic matters, representing Palestinian civil society at international level.

Let the civil society organizations nominate members of this committee, and let us start asking the government or the group writing the Palestinian Constitution Text to put a special article about PESC, as a consultative legal body, recognized by the Palestinian constitution.