



*Invitation to contribute information on
Human rights, Good governance and Rule of Law*

The fourth round of the Human Rights, Good Governance and Rule of Law Sub-Committee between the Palestinian Authority and the European Union will take place in May in Brussels for an open exchange on issues of mutual interest and concern.

It is the practice for the European Union to ensure that this exercise is preceded by a round of consultations with civil society organisations in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and in Brussels, to reach out to the widest possible array of sources. **It is the opportunity for the civil society to contribute to the process by bringing up their issues of concern.**

In this context, all interested parties, including non-governmental organisations and other interested organisations are **invited to provide any information, reports or assessments**, in relation to the situation of **Human rights, Good governance and Rule of law** in the oPt.

In particular, contribution shall:

- Point to sectors and/or cases of Human rights violations;
- Comment on progress made;
- Inform on initiatives undertaken to improve the situation, including relations with the PA;
- Recommendations.

All contributions should:

- Indicate in the heading of the message the name of the organisation providing the information;
- Always provide a reference for the information provided (i.e.: weblink)
- Send information: **before 27 April 2012** to:
 - **Office of the EU Representative, PO Box 22207, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem** or
 - **DELEGATION-WEST-BANK-GAZA-INFO@eeas.europa.eu**

*** Please note that all information will be treated **confidentially** (no source will be quoted) ***

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Background: In the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, Officials from the European Union and the Palestinian Authority are meeting every year for their regular annual dialogue on human rights, good governance and the rule of law in the occupied Palestinian Territory.

The human rights dialogue with the Palestinian Authority takes place in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the EU – PA Joint Action Plan. The EU is working in close partnership with the Palestinian Authority to assist its efforts in the field of human rights, good governance and the rule of law on the basis of jointly agreed objectives. A new Joint Action Plan for the duration of three to five years is currently under preparation and due for endorsement in 2012.