

Statement by the Arab NGO Network for Development regarding the decision of "The Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal (KLWCT)" to Condemn Israel and War Criminals

Beirut - December 4, 2013. The Arab NGO Network for Development; The Arab NGO Network for Development salutes the former Malaysian Prime Minister Mohammad Mahateer and all members of the **Kuala Lumpur War Crimes Tribunal** for their decision to condemn the Israeli occupation and one of its generals for committing genocide against humanity perpetrated on the Palestinian people.

KLWCT is a tribunal that respects humanity's conscience. It is the voice of war victims; the dead, harmed, detained, disfigured. Its objective is to achieve justice and maintain world peace in accordance with the orientations of the United Nations Security Council.

The Court has listened to witnesses from Gaza, the West Bank and the Palestinian Diaspora for two days, and heard their testimonies alongside the statements of international experts and renowned historians. It discussed the massacres against Palestinians committed during different historical events, starting with the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the consequent massacres committed in Sabra and Chatila, then during the repeated attacks on the West Bank, notably the massacres perpetrated in the Jenin camp in 2002 and 2003, and in Gaza, mainly in 2008 and 2009. It also closely examined the use of internationally prohibited weapons against Palestinians. Furthermore, it based its decision on the decision issued by the **International Court of Justice** at The Hague in 2004 regarding the apartheid wall built by Israel.

KLWCT judges demanded compensation from the state of Israel and its war criminals to the victims who filed complaints. Although KLWCT does not have the authority to implement the decision it issues, it sends its decisions and court minutes to the International Court of Justice and the United Nations Security Council.

Moreover, KLWCT added the Israeli army and the condemned Israeli general, Amos Yaron, to its war criminals record and required to have extensive media coverage of its decision. It also denounced international organisations failure to punish Israel for its crimes and violation of international law and United Nations charters.