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Coalition (PPC)**



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Palestinian Peace Coalition

**H.L. Education
for Peace (HLEP)**



Dear Friends,

As we write these lines, the world is facing the COVID-19 crisis. We know that the price of the pandemic will be high, but the day after it ends, we will realize that humans have much more in common than we thought; we will be more determined to prevent human-made disasters; we will face opportunities, and we will do our utmost to seize them.

2020 began with the launching of the long-awaited American plan, which fails to provide realistic solutions that can be acceptable for both parties. The Geneva Initiative model remains the only detailed plan that can be agreed upon and implemented by both sides.

In 2019, we continued to work day in and day out to promote the cause of peace. When polls showed trends of growing despair among youth, we organized workshops offering them leadership skills and in-depth discussions about peace and reconciliation. As some political leaders sow incitement and division, we brought influencers on both sides together, to speak honestly about the issues that matter most for our future. We created special cohorts of leading women, senior journalists and young politicians who will impact both societies in the coming years.

We know the road to peace may not be short. We will never give up, and we trust that you will not give up on us. Together, we continue to keep hope alive, as we know that eventually, our two peoples will live in dignity, security, and peace. They deserve no less.

Yours,



Nidal Foqaha , CEO
Palestinian Peace Coalition -
Geneva Initiative



Gadi Baltiansky, CEO
H. L. Education for Peace -
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PREPARING THE GROUND FOR PEACE:





Legal expert Ms. Faten Polifa in a session with young leaders in Ramallah

Young leaders and activists in the advanced leadership skills course



Palestinian Society

In 2019, the PPC team organized over 60 activities, including tens of round-table discussions, political seminars and conferences, educational tours, and leadership courses for young Palestinian activists, in addition to a number of workshops for women rights activists and leaders.

We were able to keep peace and the two-state solution at the forefront of the public discourse in Palestine by providing the right environment and platform for more than 1800 Palestinian young and senior activists to engage each other in constructive debates on relevant matters. In addition to youth and women, our target groups included decision makers, analysts, writers, local and cultural figures and leaders of civil society organizations.

DECISION MAKERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY



Mr. Nidal Foqaha, Director General of PPC, addresses decision-makers and civil society leaders in Gaza



Dr. Abd Al Majeed Swelem and Dr. Mohammad Hawwash with a group of senior Palestinian local and young leaders in Jericho

YOUTH AND WOMEN LEADERS



Mr. Bashar Joma speaking to a group of young influencers in Jericho



Discussions for young leaders in Jericho



Ms. Mona Demaidi and Ms. Maisaa Shami speaking at a women's empowerment session in Nablus



Young women leaders in a seminar in Gaza

Israeli Society

H.L. Education for Peace ran educational activities reaching 1170 influencers, decision- makers, and key stakeholders from across all sectors of Israeli society in 2019.

What we run: workshops, seminars, tours, and conferences.

Who we reach: Members of Knesset, journalists, civil society leaders, municipal leaders, women influencers, and more.

We bring together ultra-Orthodox, Arab, Russian-speaking, and Ethiopian Israeli leaders to listen to the GI experts, security officials, political psychologists, and Palestinian partners relay our message: **the two-state solution is the only viable solution to the conflict.**



Hosting a public conference on solutions to the conflict



GI staff recruit young Israelis at the annual Rabin memorial ceremony



"Setting Boundaries" Conference with GI experts Dr. Shaul Arieli, Dr. Yulia Strenger, and Dr. Samih Al-Abed



Israeli journalists learn about the situation and solutions in Gaza



Deputy Mayors and Council Members hear from a Gaza resident



GI staff present the Geneva Accord to a pre-military academy



Leadership course on the two-state solution for Russian-Speaking influencers



Graduation ceremony for Russian-Speaking leadership course participants



Joint delegation to China
for young leaders

Partners for Peace: Israeli-Palestinian Joint Activities

Over the past year, PPC and HLEP have brought Palestinians and Israelis together in order to encourage cooperation and show each side that there is a partner for peace. Our joint seminars offer both sides a rare chance to speak directly and honestly with each other about the most pressing topics in our societies: conflict, peace, and reconciliation.



Israeli and Palestinian women leaders with Germany's Ambassador to Israel



Joint GI seminar for media professionals



Israeli journalists and Palestinian officials meet in Ramallah



Joint seminar for Russian-speaking Israelis and Palestinian activists



Palestinian and Israeli representatives of the TSC meet in Larnaca



Palestinian side of the TSC meets with Dr. Naser Qudweh, member of Fatah Central Committee, and Dr. Khilil Shikaki, head of the PCPSR.

The Two-State Solution Coalition (TSC): Strengthening the Peace Camp

This year, we entered the second year of the Two State Coalition project (TSC). The TSC promotes conditions for a negotiated settlement of the conflict by consolidating the efforts of peace-oriented CSOs. So far, we've organized local activities in the West Bank, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Nazareth, including workshops and capacity building seminars, and local as well as joint meetings with stakeholders.

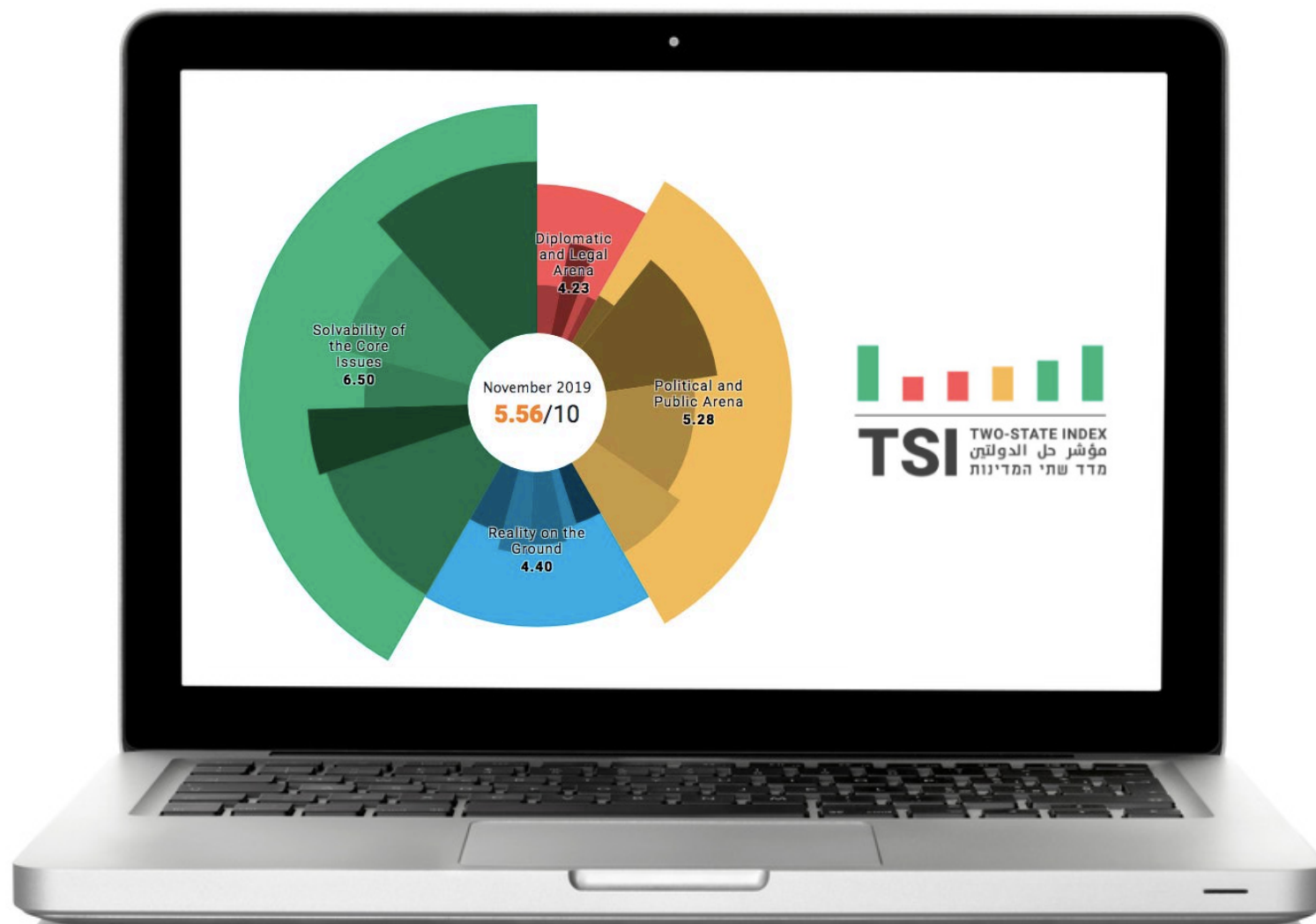
Israeli members meet with journalist Barak Ravid to discuss the US peace plan in Ramat Gan



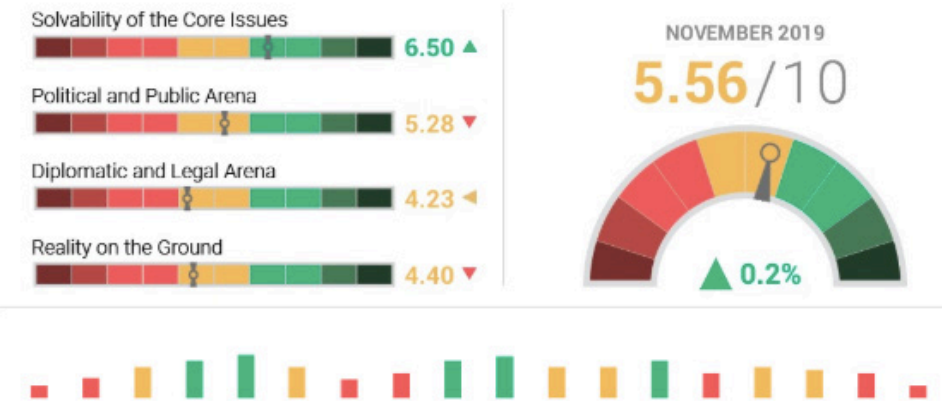
PPC Director Mr. Nidal Foqaha introduces the TSC to the Norwegian Ambassador and the EU Deputy Head of Delegation in Neve Ilan

The Two-State Index: Informing the Public

Our innovative policy instrument offers a numerical standard for measuring the current level of viability of the two-state solution, in addition to detailed monthly analysis of issues related to the solution. We keep the two-state solution on the radar of thousands of Israeli, Palestinian, and international decision-makers by bringing quality analysis of the latest developments straight to their inbox.

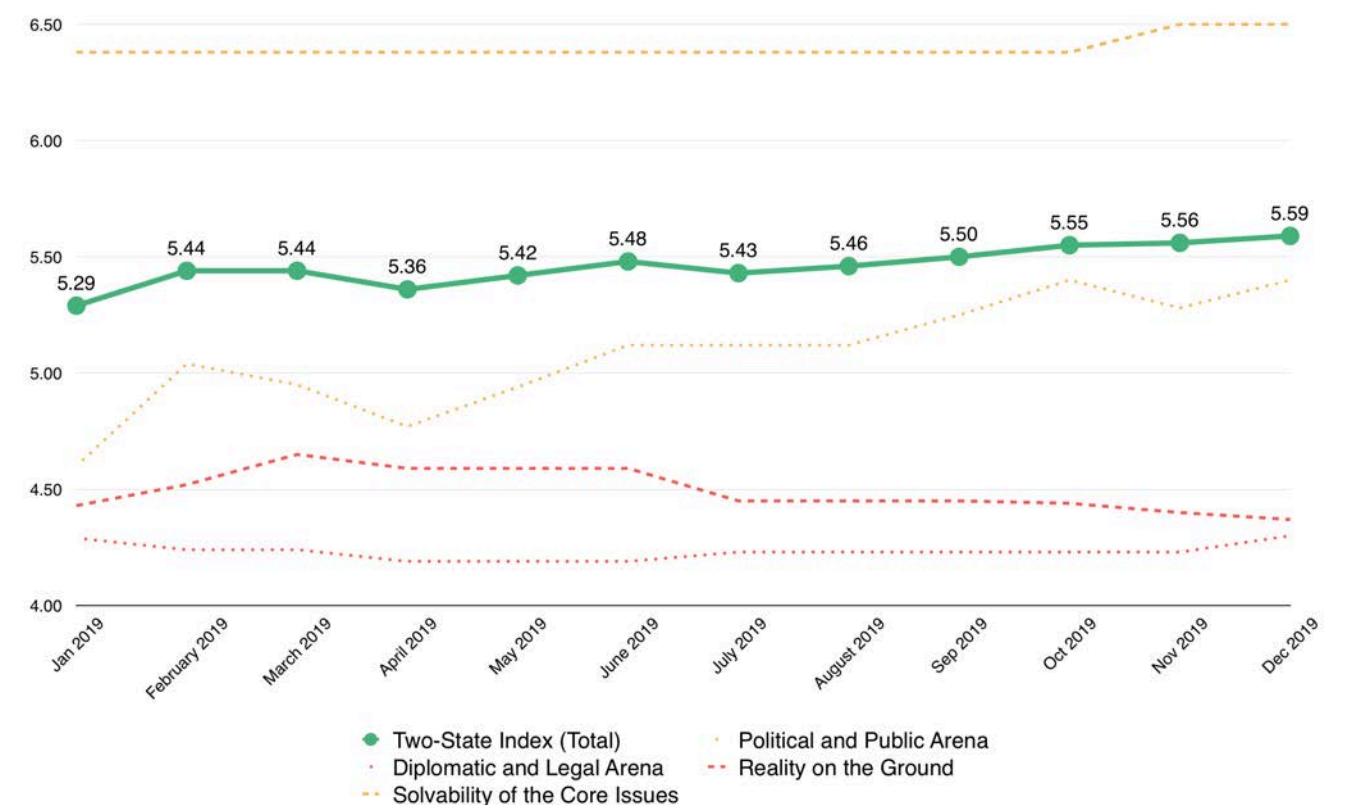


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November, in short:

- **Trump administration announces change in approach to settlements:** Pompeo says US will no longer regard Israeli settlements in the West Bank as "inconsistent with international law"
- **New round of fighting between Israel and Islamic Jihad:** Killing of PIJ commander leads to outbreak of rocket-fire and airstrikes, with Hamas sitting on the sidelines
- **European Court of Justice issues ruling on settlement products:** Decision to require labeling pushes back against efforts to conflate Israel and the Occupied Territories
- **Israel heads toward third election in past year: Gantz fails to form a government while Netanyahu is indicted on three charges**
- **Palestinians make incremental moves toward elections:** Significant obstacles remain, despite ostensible support from all Palestinian factions





Palestinian and Israeli heads of the Geneva Initiative meet with the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov in Moscow

PPC Director General Mr. Nidal Fqaha and MK Tamar Zandberg at the Olof Palme Annual Conference



International Engagement

Recognizing the value of involving key international actors in a peaceful resolution to the conflict, the Geneva Initiative met with senior diplomats and officials throughout 2019 to provide insight into ongoing developments, strengthen support for the two-state solution, and exchange new ideas about paths toward peace.



HLEP-GI Director Gadi Baltiansky meets with Chinese Special Envoy to the Middle East, Ambassador Zhai Jun



PPC Director General Nidal Fqaha meets with Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn



Ms. Adele Raemer, an Israeli participant in our "Women Drivers of Change" Program, addressed the UN Security Council:

"I even had the chance to hug a Gazan woman who lives just on the other side of our border from my home a couple of weeks ago, in Tel Aviv, while taking part in the women's leadership program run by the Geneva Initiative."



Foreign diplomats on a policy tour of Jerusalem and its environs led by GI expert Col. (ret.) Shaul Arieli

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