

# **PRESIDENTIAL DÉCREE ESTABLISHING THE PALESTINIAN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS' RIGHTS<sup>1</sup>**

*The President of the State of Palestine  
Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO*

*Based on the requirements of the Public Interest  
And by virtue of the powers vested in him*

*Decrees:*

1. The formation of the Palestinian National Supreme Commission on Human Rights.
2. This Commission will lay down its constitution, laws, and basic regulations which govern its work in a way which would ensure its independence and effectiveness, and at the earliest possible time.
3. The mission of this Commission will be to follow up and ensure the existence of the requirements for the protection of human rights in the various Palestinian laws, legislation, and regulations as well as in the work of the various departments, organs, and institutions in the state of Palestine and in the PLO.
4. This decree will be effective as of this date, and the concerned individuals informed of implementation.

*Tunis, September 30, 1993*

**Yasser Arafat**  
**President of the State of Palestine**  
**Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO**

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