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Subject: Participation in Med Culture first regional conference

We the Palestinian Performing Arts Network (PAN) regretfully inform you that we will not be participating in the Med Culture regional conference on the theme of “Creativity, Innovation, Competitiveness & Development”, in Casablanca, Morocco from 27-29 April, 2015 as well as the Med Culture group of young cultural practitioners from southern Mediterranean countries “Houna aShabab”. Our decision is in response to incorporating Israel in the abovementioned activities; which is a clear violation of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Campaign. In 2005, a clear majority of Palestinian civil society called upon their counterparts and people of conscience all over the world to launch broad boycotts, implement divestment initiatives, and to demand sanctions against Israel, until Palestinian rights are recognized in full compliance with international law.

The twelve Palestinian Performing Arts organizations in the network, aim towards creating *a free just Palestinian society that cultivates knowledge and culture, respects diversity, equality, justice, human rights and free expression*; which Israel inhibits on a daily basis through its continued occupation of Palestine and violations of the basic human rights of the Palestinian people.

We hereby ask the program organizers and supporters to cancel Israel's participation in the current and future Med Culture activities and request an end to the deliberate incorporation of Israel into collective pan-Arab activities.

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