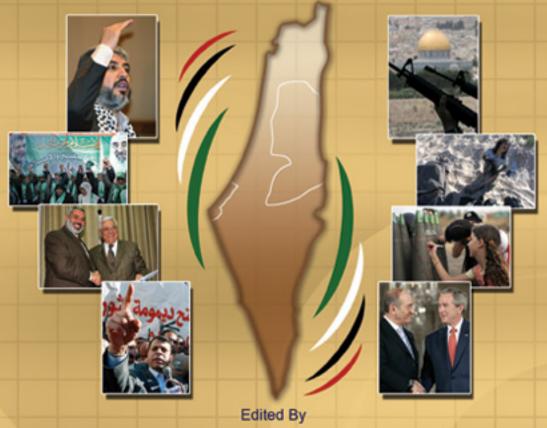
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### List of Abbreviations

AEI American Enterprise Institute

AKP Justice and Development Party (Adalet ve Kalkinma Partisi)

ARIJ Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem

CBS Central Bureau of Statistics

EU European Union

Fatah Palestinian National Liberation Movement

GCC Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

GDP Gross Domestic Product
GNI Gross National Income

GS Gaza Strip

Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement ICG International Crisis Group ICJ International Court of Justice IDB Islamic Development Bank IMF International Monetary Fund

MOT Museum of Tolerance

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OIC Organization of the Islamic Conference

OCHA The United Nations Office for the Coordination of

**Humanitarian Affairs** 

PA Palestinian Authority

PCBS Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

PICCR Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights

PLC Palestinian Legislative Council
PMA Palestinian Monetary Authority
PNC Palestinian National Council

PFLP Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

PFLP-GC Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General

Command

PLO Palestinian Liberation Organization

TOBB Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey

QIZ Agreement Qualified Industrial Zone Agreement

Shabak Israel Security Agency

UK United Kingdom

UNHCR The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

UNRWA United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

Refugees in the Near East

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### Introduction

After the success of its first Report of 2005, al-Zaytouna Centre is pleased to issue the Palestinian Strategic Report 2006 (PSR 2006). We are deeply indebted to all our colleagues and writers whose remarks, comments and notes were of the utmost use to us.

This Report monitors and analyzes the internal Palestinian situation, the Israeli scene, the Israeli aggression on land and man, and the peace settlement track. It discusses the Palestinian demographic indicators, the economy in the West Bank (WB) and Gaza Strip (GS). It focuses on the Arab, Islamic and international stances towards the Palestinian issue. This year the Report dedicated a chapter for discussing the Land and the Sanctuaries and another one for the Israeli war on Hizbullah and Lebanon.

Eleven distinguished experts contributed to this Report, besides our consultants who gave their important remarks. All this helped us to elevate and enhance this edition in comparison to that of the previous year.

PSR 2006 traces the major track of 2006 events; it combines the latest up to date detailed information, analysis and forecast. This Report was written according to the basics of scientific research methodology. Sensitive issues were discussed with neutrality and without any preconceived ideas.

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This Report is distinct for its updated information till the end of 2006 and for its outstanding team of academics and experts.

Al-Zaytouna team did its best to be professional, scientific and objective. They hope that this Report be a distinguished addition to the Palestinian studies. The Palestinian Strategic Report 2006



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