



With the Arab peoples in their irresistible aspiration to freedom and democracy

The formidable surge of popular revolt which has spread to Egypt after Tunisia expresses the longrepressed but irresistibile aspiration of the Arab peoples to freedom and democracy.

It's a real landslide whose political consequences are looming ahead of us.

AFPS expresses its total solidarity with the Egyptian people whom the Egyptian authorities were determined to crush in a bloody repression.

Our own commitment, supporting the rights of the Palestinian people to achieve its national rights, entails our solidarity with a fellow people, kept silent for too long, who is claiming its basic political rights today.

We know well that the siege of Gaza is also enforced with the complicity of the Egyptian regime - backed by the Western countries- that the Egyptian people is now holding accountable.

We have already, repeatedly, emphasised this fact. And we know the role played by the same authorities around the issue of Palestinian unity, still to be addressed, much to the satisfaction of Israeli officials.

With this in mind, we want to believe that the Palestinian authority's president's reported declaration of support to the Mubarak regime will be denied.

A wind of change is blowing across the region, a possible bearer of peace. We must take its measure and stand resolutely on the side of the hope it carries.

For the Egyptian people and for the Palestinian people.

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