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SUMMARY:

PASSIA organised an academic team to participate in this conference, members were Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Jad Isaaq and Dr. Hisham Ahmed. This conference was divided into four sessions over a two day period, the event of the first day was an introductory dinner hosted by Shimon Peres. A Palestinian Academic team of four members attended the conference with one member speaking per session. The first was on the subject of "Autonomy, its Meaning its Evolution: The European, Israeli and Palestinian viewpoints." The speaker from the Palestinian team was Dr. Hisham Ahmed from PASSIA and Chairman of this session was Uffe Elleman-Jensen, Danish Foreign minister and chairman of the Liberal Party. Other speakers included Ephraim Kleiman of Israel and representatives from France, Germany and Belgium. The afternoon session was "The Permanent Peace Settlement". Mustapha Khalil, former Prime Minister of Egypt and current Deputy Chairman of the ruling party, was the chair for this session and the Palestinian speaker was Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi of PASSIA. Other speakers included Shlomo Avineri, Yossi Beilin, David Kimche and Moshe Ma'oz from Israel and speakers from the UK, Italy, France and Russia. On November 8th the first session was "Regional Co-operation: Economic, Water and Environmental issues". The Palestinian speaker was Jad Isaaq, Associate Professor of Life Sciences at Bethlehem University, and the chair was Valdo Spini, Minister of the environment for the Italian Socialist Party. Others represented in this panel were Israel, UK, Luxembourg and the European Community. The fourth and final session dealt with "Security Arrangements in the Middle East". This was chaired by Bruno Frappat of France, editor of Le Monde and member of the French Foundation Board of Directors and the Palestinian speaker was Dr. Khalil Shikaki, Professor at an-Najah University and Director of the Centre for Palestinian Research and Studies. There were three speakers for Israel and one for Greece, Ireland, Italy and France respectively.
