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(LNU)	Last name unknown.
[*Italics*]	Translator's comments.
[...]	Incomplete sentence.

Sh = Shukri Abu Baker
Om = Omar Ahmad
Gh = Ghassan Elashi
Gh2 = Ghassan Saleh
Ss = Sheik Sharif
Ga = Gawad (LNU)
Ab = Abdel Salam (LNU)
Ak = Akram (LNU)
Au = Abou Usama (NFI)
As = Abdel Halim Al Ashqar (Aboul Hasan)
Aa = Abou Ahmad (NFI)
Aj = Abdel Jabbar
Ab2 = Abou Bassem (NFI)
Mu = Muin (LNU)
Ar = Abdel Rahman
Ni = Nihad (LNU)
Os = Osama (NFI)
Ay = Ayman Sharawi
Ha = Haitham Maghawri

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Sh: ... This session is not necessarily the summary of what was said in the previous sessions, meaning that it is not the summary of the meeting notes, but rather it is a summary of what was mentioned in these sessions in service to the main purpose for which we met, i.e. guiding the organizational work in America in light of the latest developments and, henceforth, trying to conclude to draw strategies or - at least - general guidelines, guidelines for these organizations in their inputs, addresses to the people and their methods of work. This is the goal.

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Please allow me to moderate the session in a manner which keeps people awake with me. Ghassan Saleh, what was the title of the first session, my brother?

Gh2:   Er..., analysis of the political..., the political reality...

Sh: ...and its ramifications...

Gh2:   On the reality in America.

Sh: Ok, the points which were mentioned, our brothers, are as follows. The summary of the
       issues is... What is needed is points, bullets, all of it.
       - It is needed to work towards bringing the goals of the agreement to failure. This will be
       done by focusing on the
       principle that forming the infrastructure of the [*Palestinian National*] Authority is refused
       as this will move the conflict circle from its true core, or brings the conflict out of the true
       core which is the traditional one. Therefore, goals of the project are the one we should
       work to bring to failure. This is one point. Another point is that the credibility of those
       overseeing the project must be attacked. Three, avoiding any kind of conflict on the
       American arena as this arena is not an arena for direct conflict.
       -The [*Islamic*] Association [*for Palestine*] is not an opposition party, but rather an
       organization which works in America and expresses its point of view and that of its
       public.
       - Internal conflict is inevitable and we must prepare ourselves for that, for that.
       - The conflict hasn't been formatted yet and we have to work
       diligently in order to formulate its final shape or form.
       - Goals of work must be re-examined..., in the form of questions...: Should most of the
       effort be focused on firmly establishing the organizations in America and focusing on the
       U.S. front or should the focus be mainly on the domestic front with a 50/50 ratio, or 75%
       and so forth?
       - In the coming period, the organizations must work to fulfil basic needs of the Movement
       in the areas of specializations such as journalism, law, politics, media, education and
       investment.
       - Our strategy in combating the peace project must be based
       on the utmost the project can accomplish so that we are not
       surprised with developments and are unprepared.
       - The Islamists must be highlighted as the alternatives, the
       alternative option.
       - Thinking about opening new specialized organizations which
       are capable of dealing with any new reality, or with the new
       reality.
       - Working to elevate people's morales by forming a human
       bridge from and to Palestine, meaning through visits and delegations.
       - The issue of Jerusalem must remain fundamental through the
       the old creedal and Sharia address .
       - Work must be done to make America a support for the inside by organizing
       relationships between the organizations. America and the inside.
       - Building a community first and big focus on non-Muslims is a waste of time.

UM2: Excuse me, excuse me... what was the last phrase, by God?

UM3: We didn't agree on that one.

Sh: Not an agreement. This was one of the issues... One of them was building the community first. I believe it is a part of the issue of whether the focus should be on America or not America. It is a secondary item. Building a community first and large focus on non-Muslims in a waste of time. I don't say that we have agreed on this one. We will vote in a little bit.

UM2: Yes, we will vote.

Sh: Er... There are three options which were presented as far as the organizations are concerned; one, the first option is serving the Movement on the inside. Two, building the strength of the community, focusing on work in America. Three, marrying the two while keeping the departments separate and specialized. America represents five axises for work; to be a safe place for the Movement, utilizing the capabilities of the community for work on the inside, not only on the American front, using the front as a pressure element on the inside front, securing the human services we mentioned before, five; leading the Palestinian political current in America. Our Islamic action organizations should be the ones which lead the action and they are the ones which cast credibility on themselves and make themselves the credible authority in regards to the Islamic point of view of the cause of Palestine. These are almost all the issues which were mentioned. There might be some issues which were mentioned by the brothers in a different format but this is the core of the first session. Er..., now, would you like to say a point and then vote on it, Abou Mohamed, or should we proceed? Or is there another point of view and we should open the door for discussing them. Most of the issues mentioned had near unanimity. I will give you an example. What is needed is to work to bring the goals of the agreement to failure on the basis that beginning to form the infrastructure for the Authority is rejected as a principle and that the agreement takes the conflict out of its true core. Is everybody agreeing to this understanding?

UM: I see that it is not clear. I see that there are words which are...

Sh: Fine. Its practical application, my brother, will be done through the work of the organizations, through the political and the media address. It will come later. But, as an idea, there is an inclination that the project should not pass without us trying as much as possible to bring it and its goals to failure and highlight the issues which were mentioned..., mentioned as examples. We don't need to detail them, but issues such as focusing on human rights, focusing on refugees rights, camps and stuff like that, that these are issues...

Gh2:   ... From the history of the Association in the past period of time it was very clear that anything happened in the inside was reflected on the reaction of the people and the community with the Association. Even before the Intifada, the Association was near dead. There was no hot issue to mobilize people for. The Intifada came and people reacted. We used to wait for any operation or any hot event to happen in the inside to issue statements, mobilize people and take advantage of it. But, I believe that the Association cannot continue to live like that. Let's suppose, God forbid, the state started, things quieted down...

Group: God forbid.

Gh2:   ...and self-rule started...

Sh: Ghassan..., Ghassan. Brothers, pay attention and make your point as we need to finish this point.

Gh2:   And I'm making my point that if things quieted down and the community's morale is down or calmed down. People won't react to the Association.

Gh: You will find work. Don't worry.

Sh: Allow me to tell you something... [*phone ringing*]. The self-rule period..., when talk about self-rule started, we made a decision at the Fund that we must change our name. That was a dramatic change to change our name as a result as there was talk....

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