

Law n° 16 of 1995 Concerning the Amendment of some of the Provisions of the Elections Law n° 13 of 1995

The President of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, President of the Palestinian National Authority,
Having seen the basic law of the Palestine Liberation Organization;
having seen the Law n° 5, of 1995, referring to the Transfer of Powers and Competences;
having seen the Law n° 13, of 1995, referring to the Elections;
having the approval of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, with the participation of the Presidency of the Palestinian National Council;
having the approval of the Council of the Palestinian National Authority;
based upon the powers bestowed upon me; and based upon the requirements necessitated by the public interest,
I hereby promulgate the following Law:

Article 1

Paragraph 1 under Article 13 of the Law n° 13 of 1995 referred to shall be amended as to become as follows: "The Council shall be composed of 88 members to be elected by the People in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including Jerusalem, in a free and direct manner in accordance with the provisions of this Law".

Article 2

The following paragraph shall be added at the end of paragraph 2 under Article 43 of the Law n° 13 of 1995 referred to: "The President may, upon the requirements necessitated by the public interest, extend the period of time assigned for candidature".

Article 3

In the event the President decides to promulgate a Presidential Decree requiring the extension of the period of time assigned for candidature in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of this Law, the decision taken by the Central Elections Commission to admit or reject the nomination applications which have been filed during the period by which candidature is being extended may be challenged within 24 hours starting from the date the decision is announced in the local press; the Court shall adjudicate on the appeal within two days starting from the date of its being submitted.

Article 4

Paragraph 1 under Article 45 of the Law n° 13 of 1995 referred to shall be amended so that the period of time mentioned therein shall become 14 days instead of the 22 days.

Article 5

Paragraph 1 under Article 55 of the Law n° 13 of 1995 referred to shall be amended so that the period of time mentioned therein shall become 14 days instead of the 22 days.

Article 6

Each provision which contradicts the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article 7

Enforcement of the Law

All the institutions concerned, each one within its jurisdiction, shall implement this Law. The Law shall enter into force upon its publication.

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Yasser Arafat

**President of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation
Organization**

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