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### **Mossawa Center to hold a round table discussion at the European Parliament**

November 7<sup>th</sup> 2009: The Mossawa Center will hold a round table discussion on “**The Arab Citizens in Israel: Facing new challenges following the Israeli elections**” that will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels on Tuesday 10 November, 2009.

The Mossawa Center is organizing the event in cooperation with Members of the European Parliament, with the goal of raising awareness on the deterioration of conditions faced by the Palestinian Arabs in Israel. The cross-party round table discussion will be co-sponsored by six Members of the European Parliament from 4 different parties; Reinhard Bütikofer of the Greens-EFA, Chris Davies and Niccolò Rinaldi of ALDE, Véronique De Keyser and Proinsias De Rossa of S&D and Kyriacos Triantaphyllides of GUE-NGL. Speakers will also include Jafar Farah, Director of the Mossawa Center and Member of Knesset Dr. Hanna Swaid.

The event is part of a two-week advocacy tour in Europe, during which Jafar Farah will meet with representatives from the European Parliament, the German and Belgian Foreign Ministries and leading civil society representatives in Berlin and Brussels. The tour events will focus on the recent developments following Israel's 2009 national elections and the creation of an extreme religious-nationalist coalition government.

At the round table discussion, the Mossawa Center will release a report detailing the different ways in which the political and socio-economic security of the Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel has been repeatedly delegitimized through the legislation of discriminatory laws and policies, institutionalized inequality in the allocation of the state budget, continued political incitement by prominent political figures in the government and frequent home demolitions in Arab cities and towns inside the Green Line and particularly in the unrecognized villages in the Negev.

The invitation and registration form for the event can be found on the front page of the Mossawa Center's website. Registration is compulsory as seating in the Parliament is limited.

For further information and registration, please contact Rania Laham-Grayeb at [rania\\_mossawa@yahoo.com](mailto:rania_mossawa@yahoo.com).

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*The Mossawa Center, the Advocacy Center for Arab Citizens in Israel, is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that works to promote equality for the Arab Palestinian citizens of Israel. Established in 1997, the Mossawa Center strives to improve the social, economic and political status of the Arab citizens of Israel, while preserving their national and cultural rights as Palestinians.*