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## Qatar Joins First Peace Council Meeting, Pledges \$1bn to Back Settlement Efforts



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Washington, February 20 (QNA) – The State of Qatar has announced a \$1 billion contribution to support the work of the Middle East Peace Council, aimed at achieving a final resolution that meets Palestinian aspirations for an internationally recognized state while ensuring Israel’s security and regional integration.

The announcement was made by HE Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh

Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani during the council's inaugural meeting in Washington, chaired by HE President of the United States of America Donald Trump.

Addressing the council, HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs expressed Qatar's appreciation for ongoing peace efforts and reiterated the country's full commitment to the council. He noted that Qatar's support dates back to the launch of mediation efforts and continued steadily through historic moments such as the signing of the Sharm El-Sheikh agreement with partners.

The duration of this conflict has cast a long shadow over the region and the world for decades, His Excellency said. "Our collective responsibility requires us to intensify efforts to reach a fair, comprehensive, and lasting settlement that ends suffering and ushers in a new era of stability and coexistence."

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs emphasized that under President Trump's leadership, the council would continue implementing the 20-point plan on a clear timetable, ensuring justice and fairness for both Palestinians and Israelis and fostering mutual trust.

He also pledged that Qatar would continue coordinating humanitarian and development efforts with UN partners and the Peace Council to meet urgent needs, support recovery and reconstruction, and promote sustainable peace.

