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## PUBLIC MEETING

### *Which way now for the Middle East Peace Process?*

**Monday 24 January at 6.30pm**

**Committee Room 3, House of Lords**

**Chairman: Lord Garden**

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**Alistair Crooke**

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Following the Palestinian Presidential election on 9 January, we should expect to see renewed momentum in the Middle East Peace Process. To this end, the Prime Minister has announced he intends to host a meeting in London in February to promote the development of working Palestinian political, economic and security institutions. Meanwhile, the Quartet - the UN, EU, USA and Russia has still to establish sufficient credibility on the ground. The UN has yet to appoint a new Special Representative. Some argue that the Quartet's mission should at best be reviewed or even scrapped. Our speakers will review developments following the election and identify indicators to progress in the Peace Process which we should watch out for. These may come about through initiatives which members of the Quartet might claim to be beyond the scope of their mandate but as with other peace processes in recent years, extraordinary shifts in attitude and a degree of flexibility hitherto resisted by principal negotiating parties might be needed.

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