

**PLO - PNA COMPARISON**  
Source: Palestinian National Authority

|                   | <b>P L O</b><br><b>(Palestine Liberation Organization)</b>  | <b>P N A</b><br><b>Palestinian National Authority)</b>  |
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| Establishment     | Established in 1964 Recognized as "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people" at the 1974 Arab League Summit in Rabat Morocco  | Established as a result of the 1993 Oslo Declaration of Principles. Remains the governing body of the autonomous areas in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.   |
| Head              | <b>CHAIRMAN</b><br>Head of the Executive Committee<br>Elected by the PNC  | <b>PRESIDENT</b><br>Ex officio member of the PLC<br>Elected by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem  |
| Executive         | <b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b><br>18 members Elected by the PNC   | <b>CABINET</b><br>Appointed by the President (max 20% from outside the PLC) 20 members (Ministers)  |
| Legislative       | <b>PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC)</b><br>The PNC is the ultimate decision making body and legislative authority. It formulates policies and sets guidelines for the Executive.<br><br>The PNC is the Parliament in Exile with 669 members, mostly appointed by the Executive Committee.<br><br>It represents trade unions, professional organizations etc. and most political factions excluding Hamas.<br><br>The PNC declared Palestinian independence on 15 November 1988; voted for altering its National Charter in line with the Oslo Declaration of Principles on 21 April 1996 with 504 to 54 and 14 abstentions. | <b>PALESTINIAN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (PLC)</b><br>The PNA Parliament consists of 88 members elected by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem.<br><br>The PLC does not represent Palestinians in the Diaspora.<br><br>Members are independents or affiliated with Fatah, Fida, PFLP, PPP, or Hamas.<br><br>PLC powers are limited by the Palestinian-Israeli agreements<br>Legislation excludes issues left for the final status negotiations. |
| Foreign Relations | The PLO conducts foreign relations and related activities   | The PNA has no foreign relations powers (issue to be settled in the final status negotiations)  |
| Military Security | Palestine Liberation Army (PLA)   | Palestinian Security and Police Forces  |