Established in 1964; recognized as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people at the Arab Rabat Summit and by the UN in 1974, by Israel in 1993.

**Chairman**
Head of the Executive Committee
_elected by the PNC_ 
_Mahmoud Abbas_

**President**
ex-officio member of the PLC
_elected by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem_ 
_Mahmoud Abbas_

**Executive Committee**
elected by the PNC
18 members

**Cabinet**
appointed by the President
18 Ministers (including the Prime Minister)

**Central Council**
Intermediary between PNC and EC
24 members

**Powers limited by the Palestinian-Israeli agreements; legislation excludes issues left for the final status negotiations.**

**Palestinian National Council (PNC)**
Parliament in-exile - members are mostly appointed by the Executive Committee (represents trade unions, professional organizations, etc., and most factions, excl. Hamas)

**Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)**
Parliament, 132 members - elected by the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem (does not represent Palestinians in the Diaspora; members are independents or affiliated with various factions, incl. Hamas)

**Ultimate decision-making body and legislative authority; formulates policies; sets guidelines for the Executive. Declared Palestinian independence on 15 Nov. 1988.**

**Palestine Liberation Army (PLA)** outside the occupied Palestinian Territories

**Palestinian Security and Police Forces**
West Bank 
Gaza Strip

**conducts foreign relations and related activities (e.g., negotiations)**

**No formal but de facto foreign relations powers**

**Palestinian National Fund**

**PA Finance Ministry / Palestinian Monetary Authority**