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The Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Mr. Hijazi oversees Palestine's endeavors at multilateral fora. He has led Palestine's successful applications to international organizations and accession to multilateral treaties and other international organizations, including UNESCO, Interpol, and the International Criminal Court.

Mr. Hijazi oversaw the inscription of Palestinian sites, including Hebron's Old City, as a World Heritage site by UNESCO and headed the State of Palestine's delegations before different United Nations Treaty Bodies, including the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. When the State of Palestine assumed its role as a Chair of the G77 and China in 2019, Mr. Hijazi directed the negotiations on climate change and represented the Group in various conferences and meetings, including the Bonn and Madrid Climate Conferences. The Assistant Minister played an instrumental role in the Ministry's negotiations with the Holy See, culminating in the signing of a comprehensive bilateral agreement between the Holy See and the State of Palestine, which is the first of its kind between the Holy See and a majority-Muslim country.

Between 2011 and 2012, Mr. Hijazi was charged with coordinating the work of the Political Committee, which oversaw Palestine's efforts to join the United Nations. Prior to that role, Mr. Hijazi served in the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations from 2004 to 2011.

In addition to Mr. Hijazi's extensive career in multilateral relations, he has also served on several other files, including bilateral relations. Since joining the Ministry in 1996, Mr. Hijazi served in various capacities in the Peace Process Affairs Department, North America, Eastern European, and Aid Coordination Departments.