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Excellencies,

I wish at the outset to express the appreciation of the State of Palestine for your leadership at a time where the Palestinian people are faced with an existential threat against their lives, their most fundamental and basic rights and their very presence in their land and at a time where the prospect of peace in our region is being jeopardized.

In the lead up to the critically important International High Level Conference for the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-State solution that you will be co-chairing, I wanted to share our vision, our commitments and our expectations, as we strive together to end the Israeli occupation and the conflict and to achieve peace in our region.

There is a lesson of history that cannot be ignored and is today more evident than ever. This conflict will not be settled by more occupation or more violence and terrorism. Persistence on that path will lead to more devastation and loss. Only a political solution rooted in justice and international law, and mutual acceptance and recognition will lead to a bright future for all. The Palestinian people is not destined to live under occupation nor are we and the Israelis destined to be at war. We can live in peace and security, side by side, tomorrow if we make the right decisions today. We need to all take the necessary bold and unprecedented steps that set us on that path. I am determined to ensure we uphold our responsibilities and count on your help to mobilise the international community to uphold its own, and ensure Israel upholds its obligations. I hope the Israeli people will seize this opportunity for peace.

Ending the war on the Palestinian people in Gaza – Ceasefire and reconstruction: the only path to peace and security

The utmost priority is to stop the bloodshed in Gaza. There must be an immediate, comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, the opening by Israel of all crossings and the unhindered delivery by the UN and humanitarian organizations of humanitarian assistance at scale throughout the Gaza Strip, the release of the hostages and the prisoners, and full withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces. Israel's destruction of the requirements of life in Gaza, to uproot our people and annex our land, must be brought to an immediate end.



The Arab-OIC plan for recovery and reconstruction put forward by Egypt, in full coordination with the State of Palestine, which received overwhelming support from international partners, must start being implemented without delay. It allows for the reconstruction of Gaza without the displacement of our people outside their land, which constitutes a grave breach of international law and amounts to a war crime.

The State of Palestine stands ready to assume sole governance and security responsibilities in the Gaza Strip, with Arab and international support. Hamas will no longer rule Gaza and must handover its weapons and military capabilities to the Palestinian Security Forces, which will oversee their removal outside the Occupied Palestinian territory, with Arab and international support.

The State of Palestine stands ready to invite Arab and international forces to be deployed as part of a stabilization/protection mission with a Security Council mandate, to support our security forces, provide protection to the Palestinian people, ensure that a permanent ceasefire is observed by all and guarantee the security of all sides.

To become part of the legitimate Palestinian political system, Hamas has to disarm, abide by the PLO's rejection of violence and terrorism, and transform into a political party that accepts the PLO political platform and its international commitments, including the implementation of the two-State solution in accordance with UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative, and abide by the policy of One State, One Government, One Law and One Gun, whereby there is only one rule and where Palestinian security forces have an exclusive right to carry weapons.

Ending the occupation and conflict once and for all – No colonization, no displacement, no annexation, no violence and no terrorism

The ceasefire and an end of the Israeli assault against the Palestinian people, our land, homes, infrastructure, institutions and holy sites, should be extended to cover all of the Occupied Palestinian Territory and should be accompanied with the immediate cessation of all unilateral measures that violate international law by any side.

We call in this regard for the immediate and complete cessation of all settlement activities, an end to settlers' violence and the confiscation of the arms of Israeli settlers and for measures to deter settlers' assault that is continuously escalating against Palestinian communities across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, including through sanctions.

In this context, let me reiterate the full commitment of the State of Palestine to the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

There can be no military solution to the conflict, and we reject violence and terrorism and denounce all attacks against civilians, whether Palestinians or Israelis. Israel has to bring to an immediate end its war and aggression against the Palestinian people and to withdraw fully from the Gaza Strip, and to release the Palestinian prisoners. What Hamas did on October 7th of killing and taking civilians hostage is unacceptable and condemnable and Hamas has to immediately release all hostages and captives.



The Palestinian people are entitled to live in freedom and dignity in their homeland, Palestine and Israel are entitled to exist as States, in peace and security, in conformity with international law, and all peoples are entitled to live in peace and security.

This can only be accomplished through the realization of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side, in peace and security, with Israel.

We are ready to conclude within a clear and binding timeline, and with international support, supervision and guarantees, a peace agreement that ends the Israeli occupation and resolves all outstanding and final status issues, leading to an end of all claims, and the achievement of just and lasting peace based on the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid terms of reference, including land for peace, and the Arab Peace Initiative.

We stand ready to assume our responsibilities at the borders, with international support and monitoring. We support the deployment of an international peacekeeping force to oversee implementation of the agreement throughout the Palestinian territory and to provide the necessary security guarantees for Palestine and Israel, in full respect of their sovereignty. The Palestinian State should be the sole provider of security on its territory, but has no intention to be a militarized State and is ready to work on security arrangements beneficial to all parties, in full respect of its sovereignty and as long as it benefits from international protection.

There is no viable alternative to the two-State solution on the 1967 borders and mutual recognition. The PLO has recognized the right of Israel to exist over 30 years ago, a recognition that binds the State of Palestine to this day, while Israel's recognition of the Palestinian State is long overdue.

We call on all States that believe in the two-State solution, and have not done so yet, to recognize the State of Palestine on the basis of the 1967 borders and to support its admission as a full member of the United Nations, as a recognition of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including their right to their independent State, and as an investment in peace and in the achievement of the two-State solution.

It is also imperative for States to adopt concrete and decisive measures to deter the policies of colonization, displacement and annexation, and the breach of the historic and legal status quo over the holy sites in Jerusalem, and to promote compliance with international law and implementation of the two-State solution.

We stand ready to take fully our part in advancing on a credible and irreversible path to end the occupation and lead to the realization of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine and the implementation of the two-State solution, within a clear timeline and with strong international guarantees.



Governance, reform, elections – A sovereign and democratic State of Palestine committed to peace

Despite tremendous challenges linked to the situation on the ground, notably due to the Israeli policies and their implications at the political, security, humanitarian and financial levels, the State of Palestine has adopted an ambitious reform agenda and has made meaningful progress in implementing it, exceeding expectations.

These reforms have included measures to improve good governance, financial transparency, women and youth participation in the PLO Central Council (PLO Parliament), the creation of the position and appointment of a Vice-President and rejuvenation in the administrative and security fields, as well as revoking the law on payments to families of prisoners and martyrs and implementing a new social security system without discrimination, which is ready for international audit, and the ongoing development of health services and modernization of the education sector, including the development of a curriculum that is free from incitement according to the UNESCO standards. And we will pursue further implementation of our reform agenda.

We reiterate our constant demand for an international supervision over incitement and hate speech in statements, curriculum, and in official media by both sides.

We are also committed to the organization of presidential and general elections within a year to be conducted under international auspices, supervision and support, throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, in line with previously held elections, in order to rejuvenate the Palestinian governance. These elections will be inclusive and open solely, based on a new party legislation, to political forces and candidates that clearly accept the PLO political platform and the resolutions of international legitimacy and the principle of One State, One Government, One Law and One Gun.

We are confident that the Conference will contribute to mobilising political and financial support to the Palestinian government to be able to uphold its responsibilities towards the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory and to continue implementing its reform agenda and advance its humanitarian and development projects, as well as to the Palestinian Security Forces, in terms of training, equipment and empowerment, to be able to fully assume their role and responsibilities.

It is also imperative in this context to work on lifting the Israeli restrictions that are severely fragmenting the Palestinian territory, denying our people access to their land and resources, and strangling the Palestinian economy. It is also essential to swiftly achieve the release of withheld tax revenues by Israel.



Shared peace, security and prosperity – The peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine, the independence of the State of Palestine and the implementation of the two-State solution as the only way to achieve regional peace and security for the benefit of all

The Palestinian people are the ones who suffer most from the prolongation of the occupation and conflict and those who would benefit most from an end to it.

In the context of an end of the Israeli occupation and the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine in all its aspects, based on the relevant UN resolutions, we aspire to contribute to, and benefit from, the dividends of peace and of the promise of shared peace, security and prosperity. It is the independence of the State of Palestine and recognition of that State that will lead to the implementation of the Arab Peace Initiative. We reiterate in that context that all States in our region have a right to live in peace and security within their internationally recognized borders.

With your leadership and international mobilisation, we hope that the Conference will adopt, based on concrete commitments and actions, and within a defined timeline, a clear plan for the peaceful settlement of the question and the implementation of the two-State solution, in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative, with strong international involvement and guarantees, to finally achieve peace in our region, rid it of wars and conflicts, and unleash its true potential. We will spare no effort towards that end.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ramallah on 9 th June 2025

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