

Item 138: Scale of Assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
Statement by Canada at the 26th formal meeting of the Fifth Committee
27 December 2013

"Mr. President,

While we acknowledge that the decision before us is meant to be purely procedural in nature, Canada must point out that we do not recognize a State of Palestine, and as a result, Canada objects to the reference to a "State of Palestine" in the text.

Canada supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, reached through a negotiated agreement between the parties that will guarantee Israel's right to live in peace and security with its neighbours and will lead to the establishment of a viable and independent Palestinian state.

Canada regards Palestinian statehood as not simply a question of membership or observer state status in international organizations, but rather of reaching a negotiated agreement between the parties on permanent status issues, such as borders, security, refugees and Jerusalem.

Thank you"