



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

On this auspicious occasion to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I am pleased to convey, on behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Botswana, this message of Solidarity.

Botswana remains resolute in its support for the Palestinian people in their quest to realize their inalienable right to self determination and the pursuit of freedom, peace, dignity, and stable existence.

It is in the light of this that my Government, as a gesture of our continued support and solidarity, established diplomatic relations with the State of Palestine on 08 March 2017.

While we welcome ongoing efforts by the "Middle East Quartet" (United States, European Union, Russia, and United Nations), which continues to work tirelessly to find a lasting solution to the Middle East situation; Botswana regrets that Palestinian people still live in the face of an unrelenting human tragedy of multiple conflicts and fragile environment.

My Government remains steadfast in her support for the International community's efforts to resolve the Conflict in the Middle East, peacefully and amicably. We are still optimistic that there is room for both Israel and Palestine to co-exist as good friendly neighbours.

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