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Message of Congratulations
From President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China
To the Special Commemorative Meeting in Observance of
The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Beijing, 29 November 2017

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and people and in my own name, warm congratulations to the Special Commemorative Meeting.

The question of Palestine is at the root of the Middle East issue. It has a direct bearing on lasting peace, stability, prosperity and development of Palestine and other countries in the region. An early, comprehensive and just settlement of the question of Palestine serves the interests of the people of Palestine and across the region, and contributes to world peace and stability.

China is a staunch supporter for peace between Palestine and Israel. China has all along been supporting and advancing the Middle East peace process. We support the just cause of the Palestinian people to restore their legitimate rights and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State on the basis of the 1967 borders that enjoys full sovereignty and has East Jerusalem as its Capital. We support all efforts that would help ease the situation and bring about an early realization of the two-state solution. Towards this end, I put forward a four-point Chinese proposal on resolving the Palestine question last July, which includes the following elements: first, we must remain committed to promoting a political settlement on the basis of the two-state solution; second, we must uphold common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security; third, we must further coordinate the efforts of the international community to build stronger synergy for peace; and fourth, we must take a holistic approach and advance peace through development. As a permanent member of the UN Security Council and a responsible major country, China will continue to make tireless efforts together with the international community to bring about comprehensive, just and lasting peace to the Middle East at an early date.