



**Prime Minister
Republic of Mauritius**

30 November 2017

Excellency,

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish to re-affirm the unflinching support of the Government and the People of Mauritius to the People of Palestine in their quest for a sovereign, independent and viable Palestinian State.

Seventy years have elapsed since the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181(II) and regrettably the question of Palestine remains unresolved. The Palestinian people are yet to obtain their inalienable rights as defined by the United Nations General Assembly, in particular the right to self-determination without external interference and the right to national independence and sovereignty.

We need to pursue our collective efforts and responsibilities towards the people of Palestine and ensure that they are not left behind as the world progresses towards the Sustainable Development Goals of Agenda 2030. To this end, we welcome the United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2018-2022 for the State of Palestine.

Mauritius will continue to support endeavours for an early realisation of the two-state solution, with an independent and viable Palestine, on a path of sustainable and inclusive economic development, existing side by side and at peace with the State of Israel.

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


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***His Excellency Mr Mahmoud Abbas
President of the Palestine National Authority
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