

**Statement by Ambassador Sebastiano Cardi, President of the UN Security Council,  
at the Commemorative Meeting for  
the UN International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

**Wednesday 29 November**

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for inviting me to address this meeting in my capacity as President of the Security Council in November.

The Security Council has remained seized of the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question. The Council has continued to receive monthly briefings from the Secretary-General's Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and from the Department of Political Affairs, to hold open debates on this agenda item on a quarterly basis, and to receive the Secretary-General's reports, in briefings by the Special Coordinator every three months.

Mr. Chairman,

The situation in the Middle East remains a constant concern for the Security Council due to the lack of a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Council remains fully committed to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East based on relevant Security Council resolutions.

Council members continue to recognise and commend the vital humanitarian work by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, along with other United Nations and humanitarian organisations, including in addressing critical needs in Gaza, and expresses its hope that the international community, including non-traditional donors, will continue to support the Agency at this critical time.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, the Security Council will continue to contribute to a just, lasting and peaceful solution in order to achieve the peace and security that the Israeli and Palestinian people both need and deserve.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.