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President of Sri Lanka

Message on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

29 November 2017

On behalf of the people of Sri Lanka, I take this opportunity to convey warm greetings to the people of Palestine. On this important occasion to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, I reaffirm Sri Lanka's steadfast support for the Palestinian cause. The International Day of Solidarity reminds us of the urgency of finding a just and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine, and of addressing the plight of the Palestinian people, particularly its children.

It is imperative that a comprehensive and just settlement of the Palestinian question remains a priority for the international community. We reiterate our support to the implementation of UN General Assembly Resolutions regarding the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to Statehood, and the attainment of a two state solution based on 1967 borders. Sri Lanka supports Palestine's application for admission to full membership in the United Nations.

We are encouraged that despite decades of disappointment, the people of Palestine have been resolute, and have sustained their spirit and strength of purpose, to gain their legitimate rights, and have prevailed over the considerable challenges facing them. We are confident that the people of Palestine will work together to preserve national unity, which is imperative for the creation of a full, sovereign, and independent Palestinian state.

02nd October, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maithripala Sirisena".

