

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The Government and People of Zimbabwe reaffirm their steadfast support for and solidarity with the Government and People of Palestine in their quest for self determination, sovereignty and an independent state. We call for the full implementation of all relevant United Nations resolutions including 181, 242, 338 and 2334 to bring about a two state solution based on the pre-1967 borders. We condemn and reject all measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Palestinian territory.

We reiterate and emphasize that the establishment of settlements in the Palestinian territory is a flagrant violation of international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace. We urge the Security Council in accordance with resolution 2334(2016) to ensure that Israel immediately and completely ceases all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory and withdraws settlers from all occupied land.

We call for lifting of the blockade against Gaza and the dismantling of the Wall which is a symbol of oppression of the People of Palestine. We further call for an end to the violence against civilians and the unwarranted persecution of Palestinians.

We reiterate our support for Palestine's application for full membership to the United Nations and urge the Security Council to expeditiously process the stalled application.

We look forward to welcoming Palestine as a full member of the Community of Nations enjoying all rights and privileges.

We pledge our unwavering support to the People of Palestine in their continued struggle for absolute sovereignty over their territory.