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Territories**

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**Letter dated 18 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative
of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba on the recognition by the United States of the city of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, dated 6 December 2017.

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly under agenda items 37, 38 and 54 and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba on the recognition by the United States of the city of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel

6 December 2017

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba expresses its utmost concern and rejection of the unilateral declaration by the President of the United States of the city of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. That declaration constitutes a serious and flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of the relevant United Nations resolutions.

This intention of the United States Government to modify the historical status of Jerusalem harms the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people and of the Arab and Islamic nations, will have serious consequences for stability and security in the Middle East, will further increase tensions in this region and will impede any effort to resume Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Cuba calls on the Security Council to fulfil its United Nations Charter-based responsibility to maintain international peace and security, to adopt the necessary decisions and to demand from Israel an immediate end to the occupation of the Palestinian territories and to aggressive policies and settlement activities, as well as compliance with the resolutions adopted by the Council on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirms that Cuba will continue to support a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the basis of a two-State solution to ensure that the Palestinians can exercise their right to self-determination and have an independent and sovereign State, with its capital in East Jerusalem and its pre-1967 borders.
