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**Message of Congratulation
To the Special Commemorative Meeting in Observance of
The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and people and in my own name, warm congratulations on the convocation of the Special Commemorative Meeting.

The Palestinian issue, at the root of the Middle East issue, bears on the lasting peace, prosperity and development of Palestine and other countries in the region. Achieving an early, comprehensive and just settlement of the Palestinian issue represents the shared aspiration of all, serves the interests of people of Palestine and the rest of the region alike, and contributes to world peace and stability.

This year marks the 30th year of China-Palestine diplomatic relations. China is the Palestinian people's good friend, good partner and a staunch supporter of peace between Palestine and Israel. We firmly support and promote the Middle East peace process, support the Palestinian people's just cause of restoring their legitimate national rights, and support the establishment of an independent Palestinian state that enjoys full sovereignty on the basis of the 1967 borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital.

China will continue to work with the international community to explore new ways on the basis of international peace mechanisms, strive for an early resumption of peace talks between Palestine and Israel, and make unremitting efforts toward the achievement of comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

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