

**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People  
29 November 2018**

**Statement of Solidarity from the Government of Guyana**

Guyana joins the international community in commemorating the United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and reiterates its unwavering support for the full exercise of freedom and the right to self-determination by the people of Palestine.

The Government of Guyana notes that seventy (70) years have elapsed since the displacement of the Palestinian people and remains deeply concerned that the question of Palestine remains unresolved. Further, the Government of Guyana laments the dire humanitarian and developmental impact of the ongoing conflict and underscores the need to create conditions conducive to building a lasting peace and ultimately, sustainable development for the Palestinian people.

Guyana was the one hundred and sixteenth (116<sup>th</sup>) country to formally recognize the State of Palestine as a free, independent and sovereign State on 13 January 2011 in the hope that the increased recognition of the State would have contributed to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This dream is still to become a reality with the two nations as recently as this month engaging in violent confrontations causing the death of soldiers and civilians.

Guyana holds firmly to the belief that constructive dialogue between the Israeli and Palestinian authorities is pivotal to advancing the peace process and to the realization of the two-state solution as the legitimate end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Guyana therefore calls on all actors to refrain from actions that would frustrate the possibility of progress and implores both Parties to take the steps required to move the peace process forward and to bring an end to the injustice that the people of Palestine continue to suffer.

Further, the Government of Guyana appeals to the international community to act responsibly at all times in full support of the peace process and the well-being of the Palestinian people. The Government of Guyana emphasizes that Palestinian unity is critical to the pursuit of a lasting peace and encourages the concerned parties in Palestine to act in good faith so that all Palestinians can be united.

The Government of Guyana reiterates its recognition of Palestine as a free, independent and sovereign State based on its pre-1967 borders and reaffirms its commitment to the realization of an independent State of Palestine peacefully co-existing alongside the State of Israel. Guyana will remain in solidarity with the people of Palestine in their just struggle to achieve this goal and will continue to support all efforts leading to its full realization.

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