

**MESSAGE OF
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE OBSERVANCE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

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This year's observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People provides me with the chance to reaffirm the unwavering support and age-long solidarity of the people and the Government of Indonesia for the legitimate and sacred quest of our Palestinian brothers and sisters for the full realization of their inalienable rights and their ultimate dreams for independent and peaceful statehood.

Nevertheless, the International Day of Solidarity also serves as another reminder of our failure, as members of the United Nations, to pursue peace and security and to promote equal rights and self-determination for the Palestinian people.

The year of 2018 marks the seventieth year of the 1948 war, the Al-Nakhba, when 800.000 Palestinians were expelled from their lands. This signifies that almost three-quarter of a century has elapsed for the world community to wait for a just, lasting, and comprehensive resolution to the conflict.

The international community must make concerted efforts to ensure and end to Israeli illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories, which has for far too long obstructed the fulfillment of the two-States vision towards the realization of an independent State of Palestine, with East Jerussalem as its capital, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions and international laws.

We should also extend ourselves to put the Palestinian issue back on the radar international agenda, and do not let the current global crises divert our attention away from this issue. Next year, Indonesia will join the United Nations Security Council as a Non-Permanent Member for the period of 2019-2020. Rest assured that the Palestinian issue will become one of the top priorities of Indonesia's membership, as well as beyond our time at the Council.

I wish to reassert Indonesia's strong support for the dignity of all Palestinians and for the validity of their inalienable rights. Indonesia also strongly urges the international community to renew its commitment to assist the Palestinian people in realizing their ultimate dreams for peace and statehood.

Indonesia will also elevate our support for the Palestinian people and Government through Technical Cooperation, as well through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation. Indonesia held the first Solidarity Week for Palestine on 13-17 October 2018 to further build care and understanding of the Palestinian struggle.

To that end, I once again reiterate our call to all peace-loving nations of the United Nations to implement all the United Nations' resolutions concerning Palestine, and to urge a swift and unhindered return to the political process, with a view to making the Palestinian peace and statehood a reality.

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,

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