



TEXT OF THE MESSAGE BY
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On the 'International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People', I wish to reiterate the longstanding support and commitment of the people and the Government of Maldives to the people and the Government of the State of Palestine in their struggle for greater recognition, justice, peace and security. Our support for Palestine stems from our belief in the supremacy of the rule of law, and the obligation of every nation to abide by international law.

The establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side and in peace with Israel, is the only viable and internationally accepted solution to the Question of Palestine. That is the solution that the UN Security Council, in particular, Resolutions 242 of 1967, 338 of 1973, and 2334 of 2016, demand. The Maldives calls on Israel and the international community at large, to fully implement the relevant UN Security Council resolutions in its entirety, and to fully respect the legal obligations it undertook in the Oslo Accords, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Quartet Roadmap. We also believe that a lasting peace can only be achieved through a negotiated final settlement by both sides that would end the cycle of violence and bloodshed, and allow for the full establishment of a two-state solution.

As we mark the 71st anniversary of the adoption of the UN plan to partition Palestine, the international community should strengthen our resolve to the cause of peace and justice, renounce violence, and reject oppression and occupation as instruments of foreign policy. The Maldives will always remain steadfast in its support for Palestine and its people in their struggle for dignity, justice and peace.

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President of Maldives

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