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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations and has the honour to convey herewith a message from Hon. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, addressed to H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestine National Authority, on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestine People.

The Permanent Mission would highly appreciate if the attached message could be forwarded to its highest destination.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine
to the United Nations
New York**



16th November 2018



**Prime Minister
Republic of Mauritius**

28 November 2018

Excellency,

On the occasion of the Annual Day of Solidarity with the People of Palestine, I reaffirm, on behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Mauritius and in my own name, our firm and fullest solidarity with the People and Government of Palestine and our staunch support to their longstanding and legitimate struggle for an independent State of Palestine, within secured borders.

On this commemorative day, the plight of the Palestinian people resonates highly in the conscience of humanity. We remain appalled by the unilateral and coercive actions on the ground, including illegal settlements, the use of excessive and disproportionate force against civilians and the lingering dire human rights and humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the Gaza strip.

As a reflection of our solidarity to the Palestinian cause, the Government of Mauritius issued a Communiqué in May 2018, expressing its deep concern at the high level of casualties, including the number of injured, following violence on the Israeli-Gaza Border and called on all parties to exercise restraint, cease hostilities and ensure the safety of all civilians.

In the same vein, during the Emergency Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in June 2018, Mauritius once more demonstrated its unflinching support to the Palestinian People, by supporting the resolution on the "Protection of the Palestinian Civilian Population".

It is in this spirit that we reiterate our calls on the need to preserve and build on the commendable achievements, under your leadership and determination, of the Palestinian Authority's state-building efforts.

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Our collective goal, therefore, continues to remain the realization of the just, comprehensive and lasting peace for which generations of Palestinians have been longing in their rightful aspirations and their natural, legal, historical and inalienable rights to self-determination, without external interference, based on the United Nations General Assembly Resolution (181) of 29 November 1947.

This means, fundamentally, the early establishment of an independent, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, with defined and secure borders living side by side and at peace with the State of Israel, fully in line with the Two-State Solution as endorsed by the United Nations Security Council and General Assembly and the international community as a whole and based on international law and all relevant United Nations resolutions. This is a basic prerequisite for Palestinians to take control of their destiny.

On this historic day and year of the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, Mauritius unequivocally reiterates its support to this goal as it does so at every available opportunity and forum.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal well-being and the assurances of my highest consideration.



*Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
Prime Minister*

*His Excellency Mr Mahmoud ABBAS
President of the Palestine National Authority
Ramallah
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