

Ha Noi, 28 November, 2018

MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY

To:

- **H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations,**
- **H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People,**
- **H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine,**

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people (29 November), on behalf of the State, the people of Viet Nam and on my own behalf, I would like to extend to Your Excellencies, and through Your Excellencies to the State of Palestine and the Palestinian people, greetings of solidarity and warmest congratulations.

Viet Nam highly values the constructive contribution of Palestine to the work of the United Nations and firmly believes that, having been elected by developing countries as Chair of the Group of 77, Palestine will be able to demonstrate its dynamic role in multilateral fora.

The year 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of friendship and traditional cooperation between Viet Nam and the State of Palestine. Throughout the past three decades, Viet Nam consistently supports the just cause of struggle of the Palestinian people for their inalienable rights. Viet Nam is of the view that the Arab-Israeli conflict, of which the question of Palestine is the core, can only be solved through peaceful negotiations aimed at a comprehensive and just solution on the basis of respect for the legitimate rights of all concerned parties, especially the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to establish a State of Palestine in their homeland. Viet Nam supports all efforts of the international and regional community in bringing the Middle East peace process forward and urges the concerned parties to comply with relevant United Nations resolutions and to work together to realize the achieved agreements, thus contributing to peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region.

On this occasion, the State and the people of Viet Nam once again reaffirm the strong support for the just cause of struggle of the Palestinian people for their fundamental rights. We firmly believe that, with the strong support of the international community, the struggle of the Palestinian people will definitely achieve full victory.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam