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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith the message from His Excellency Mr. Bounnhang VORACHITH, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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MESSAGE FROM H.E. MR. BOUNNHANG VORACHITH
PRESIDENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY
WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 26th November 2019, on behalf of the Government and People of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), I would like to extend to Your Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine and through Your Excellency to the Government and People of the State of Palestine, our warmest greetings of friendship and solidarity.

The annual commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People reflects the collective support of the international community and underlines the importance and urgency of seeking a lasting solution to the question of Palestine and of addressing the plight of the Palestinian people who live through the untold suffering and humiliation for more than five decades. The Lao PDR strongly supports the engagement of many world leaders and calls on the parties concerned to return to the peace talks in order to achieve the two-state solution as soon as possible. It is extremely important to keep constant engagement of the international community in order to ensure that the parties live up to their commitments, negotiate in good faith and refrain from taking any steps which will jeopardize the peace process.

In this regard, the Lao PDR joins the international community to call upon the occupying power to immediately cease all its unlawful occupation of the Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, place a complete and indefinite freeze on all settlement activities, and respond favorably and in good faith of the international consensus in order to create the environment conducive to the pursuit of peace as well as for salvaging the prospects of achieving a two-state solution as stipulated in the United Nations Security Council resolutions and other relevant United Nations resolutions.

The Lao PDR reaffirms its longstanding solidarity and steadfast support to the Palestinian people in their legitimate quest for dignity, justice and their inalienable right to self-determination in their independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side in peace and security with the State of Israel, with internationally recognized borders.

Finally, the Lao PDR would like to take this opportunity to wish the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People every success in its noble task.

Vientiane, 1 November 2019