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In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to the United Nations and, with reference to the letter No. CPR/SD/2019(2) dated 11 November 2019, has the honour to transmit herewith the text of the message of H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People which will be held on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**The text of the message of H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani,
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran,
on the occasion of the observance of the
International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

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On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and on behalf of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I would like to extend my people and Government's full support for the people of Palestine.

After more than seven decades of the Israeli usurper regime's occupation of the Palestinian territory, which has resulted in the death and displacement of more than five million Palestinian People, the Question of Palestine remains the international community's main and most challenging issue. Regrettably, during this period, we have witnessed the continuation of the egregious expansionist and racist policies of the Zionist regime aimed towards the horrifying ethnic cleansing of Muslim and Christian Arabs in Palestinian territories.

The Israeli regime's destructive policies and practices are not only conducted against the oppressed people of Palestine but also against other nations and countries in the region which, in fact, constitute a serious threat to the regional and international peace and security. It is deeply unfortunate that the international community has failed in shouldering its responsibility towards the realization of the rights of the Palestinian people. In this regard, we once again reaffirm the significant responsibility of the international community, in particular the United Nations, in countering the hostile Israeli policies against the oppressed Palestinian People and the countries of the region.

The US President's so-called Peace Plan titled "The Deal of the Century" is a worthless, unilateral and unrealistic initiative which serves the maximum interest of the Zionist regime while ignoring the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people. Such a plan will not only fail to solve the Palestinian crisis but will also exacerbate the violence and instability in Palestinian Territories and abroad. Consequently, the plan has been doomed to failure from its inception.



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Recognition by the Trump administration of Al-Quds Sharif as the capital of the Zionist regime as well as the transfer of the US Embassy to this holy city is a biased and illegal move in support of the Israeli regime that violates international law, including relevant UN resolutions. This decision aims to strengthen the inhumane Zionist policies and destroy Palestinian identity. Therefore, it has been rejected by most countries as well as international and regional organizations.

The severe blockade of Gaza by the Zionist regime, which led to the worst humanitarian crisis in the city, has disrupted the security and livelihood of the people of Gaza. The Gaza siege has caused significant and devastating human casualties, in particular children and the ill, as well as increased poverty and unemployment, especially among Palestinian youth.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, based on its religious and national principles, and its international obligations as well as genuine human values, believes that supporting the Palestinian people is a vital responsibility for all members of the international community. Such support must continue until the full realization of their fundamental rights, in particular the right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent state of Palestine with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. The historical experience and development over recent years have proven that Palestinians have no choice but to continue their resistance against the Israeli's occupation, aggression and inhuman policies. Fighting the occupiers is the indisputable right of the Palestinian people, and they should certainly not be blamed for exercising this inalienable right.

While reaffirming the inalienable rights of Palestinian People to self-determination, the Islamic Republic of Iran is of the view that the return of Palestinian refugees to their homeland and holding a referendum for self-determination is the most effective solution for the Palestinian Question. Through this referendum, Palestinian Muslims, Jews and Christians will be able to choose their own political system and enjoy their rights freely and equally.