Message on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
27th November 2019

On the special occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, on behalf of the Government and People of Sri Lanka, I wish to convey our unwavering support for and solidarity with the people of Palestine in their quest to establish an independent and sovereign State of Palestine.

The struggle of the Palestinian people for statehood and a life of dignity free from violence has continued for over seven decades. It is heartening that despite the hardships and challenges, the resilient spirit and strength of purpose of the Palestinian people continues to guide them forward in seeking their legitimate rights. It is our fervent hope that this long-standing issue be addressed as a priority by the international community and the parties concerned, towards reaching a viable solution.

Sri Lanka reiterates its long standing support for the full implementation of the UN General Assembly Resolutions regarding the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to statehood and the attainment of a two state solution. Sri Lanka continues to support Palestine’s application for admission to full membership in the United Nations, as a sovereign and independent State and pledges to stand together in realizing this objective.

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