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H. E. Ambassador Cheikh Niang
Chairperson of the Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Excellency,

I refer to your letter referenced CPR/SD/2019(2) dated 11 November 2019 on the special commemorative meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People that was held on 27 November 2019.

I have the honour to attach hereto, a solidarity message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People from His Excellency Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. M. Shava'.

F. M. Shava
AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

**SOLIDARITY MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY
EMMERSON DAMBUDZO MNANGAGWA, PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE, ON THE OCCASION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, 27TH NOVEMBER, 2019.**

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to extend warm greetings to all Palestinians on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. I wish to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Committee on the Exercise of the inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for organising this year's special commemorative meeting of the Committee, and their untiring efforts to serve the cause of the Palestinians over the past three years.

This year's commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is taking place at a time when the Palestinians are facing numerous challenges and when there is no end in sight to resolving the Palestinian question. It is the obligation of the international community to more resolutely safeguard and support the Palestinian just cause. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe reaffirms its support for and solidarity with the legitimate struggle of the Palestinian people, and calls for the implementation of all United Nations resolutions on the question of Palestine.

The Government of Zimbabwe is of the firm conviction that lasting peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through a two-state solution, based on the international recognition of the independence of the State of Palestine. We are convinced that there is no military solution to the conflict and that peaceful negotiation is the only way to achieve lasting peace, security and stability.

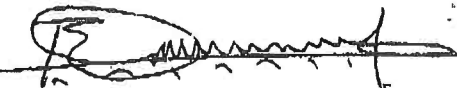
We therefore call upon all parties to act in a responsible way and refrain from actions that undermine the prospects for successful negotiations. It is important that negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis resume without any preconditions and that the United Nations plays a pivotal role in these future negotiations.

The need to achieve Palestinian reconciliation and unity is of utmost importance in strengthening the Palestinian negotiating position in any peace process. The unity of the Palestinians, founded on the commitments of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, is critical and we thus urge our Palestinian brothers and sisters to overcome their differences and foster unity. The Government of Zimbabwe reiterates the belief that the two-state solution is the only way to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

The move by some countries to no longer consider Israeli settlements in the West Bank as illegal under international law will no doubt exacerbate the current tensions and make the achievement of a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict practically impossible.

We also note with great concern that UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) continues to face financial difficulties, and join others in calling upon the international community to contribute generously to sustain UNRWA's vital and essential operations to assist millions of Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Syria, West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Without the UNRWA's assistance, Palestinian refugees would not be able to achieve their full development potential.

Zimbabwe therefore calls on all progressive nations to support a lasting, comprehensive and peaceful solution to the Palestinian situation.



Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

