

## Permanent Mission of The Republic of Angola to the United Nations

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## Mr. President

At the outset, I would like to thank you, Excellency, for organizing this solemn meeting in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Today, we extend our solidarity with the people suffering under Israeli military occupation, blockade, oppression, and continue deprived of their fundamental human rights, especially in the Gaza Strip, where the humanitarian situation is dire and becoming untenable unlivable.

Allow me to reiterate that Angola aligns itself with the statement delivered by Azerbaijan on behalf of the Non-Alignment Movement.

## Mr. President

The dispute between Israel and Palestine renewed the decades-long conflict in the Middle East. However, it has also threatened the recently reached ceasefire efforts, including the recent mediation efforts followed by Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, and the United Nations, and subsequently threatened other peace initiatives in this regard.

The continued expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, the demolition of Palestinian homes and structures, also the ongoing militant activity are causing deep trauma and suffering among the Palestinian civilian population. Therefore, we

would like to appeal to a mutually agreed solution between Israel and Palestine to grant rights to the Palestinian people, particularly the defenseless and innocent Palestinian children, women, and men, to the full enjoyment of their economy, which subsequent conflicts have drastically violated.

Angola supports the initiative of the two-State solution based on the 1967 borders according to the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid principles, and the Arab League Peace Initiative, including the regular opening of crossing points and ensuring the safety and well-being of civilians on both sides.

We encourage the ongoing regional and international efforts to advance the peace process in the Middle East. We also applaud the implementation of all relevant Security Council resolutions and the obligations under the international law, following the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention and international human rights law.

In this regard, allow me to upon a call to the international and multilateral efforts, including the Arab League peace initiative, as well the Quarter (US, Russia, EU, and ONU) to reactive the negotiations on all core issues without exception, to conclude a peace treaty resolving all outstanding issues, to advance a political solution between Palestine and Israel, to reach a settlement and achieve a just and lasting peace.

We recognize the efforts made by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to mitigate the humanitarian impact on Palestine refugees while striving to continue providing access to health, education, employment, emergency assistance, and protection services for Palestinian refugees, especially of children.

To conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have striven to achieve peace in the Middle East to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people.

Thank you all for your attention!