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**MESSAGE OF  
HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY  
WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE  
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Today, on this occasion, the Government and people of Brunei Darussalam join me in reaffirming our long-standing solidarity with the people of Palestine in their struggle for peace and their inalienable right to self-determination.

We regret that the status of the Question of Palestine remains unchanged with every passing year. The Palestinian people have yet to be guaranteed their independence and national sovereignty, and their right to return to their homes and properties from which they were forcibly displaced.

We are deeply concerned with the increasing challenges faced by Palestinians in recent months, especially in light of the attacks during the holy month of Ramadhan, which resulted in the loss of lives, severe humanitarian crises and destruction of properties in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Their situation is further compounded by the hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brunei Darussalam has joined the international community to reaffirm its serious concerns on any change to the status quo in Jerusalem. We are also concerned with the constant violation of Palestinian human rights and dignity as well as the continued unlawful actions by the Occupying Power, including the construction and expansion of illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. In addition, Brunei Darussalam, along with Indonesia and Malaysia, issued a Joint Leaders' Statement on 16 May 2021, which unreservedly condemned the flagrant violations of international law perpetrated by the Occupying Power and called for an urgent and responsible collective action to ensure the necessary accountability for such violations.

Brunei Darussalam reaffirms its support for global efforts, aimed at finding a comprehensive and lasting peace on the basis of the two-state solution towards achieving an independent State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

We appreciate the continued efforts by the UN Secretary-General and commend the critical work undertaken by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People as well as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development reflects our shared commitment in pursuit of a better future for our people. Palestine deserves no less. They cannot, and must not, be left behind. Brunei Darussalam, therefore, reiterates its unwavering support for Palestine's full membership at the United Nations.

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