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Excellency:

I have the honor to address you, in your capacity as President of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, on the occasion of the commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

On this significant date, we remember the day in which the General Assembly passed resolution 181 (11) in 1947, on the partition of Palestine.

One year later, the world would witness the tragedy of Al Nakba, as a result of which, more than three quarters of Palestine were seized by force, bringing about the destruction of 531 cities and villages and the displacement or expulsion of 85 percent of the population. Millions of Palestinian refugees continue to live scattered around the world as a result of those events.

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We ratify our call for an end to the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, to the annexation policies and to the blockade on the Gaza Strip, which aggravate the emergency conditions of the public healthcare system and the socioeconomic and humanitarian situation of Palestine and prevent an effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We ratify Cuba's unrestricted support for a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the basis of the establishment of two States, which allows the Palestinian people to exercise the right to self-determination and build an independent and sovereign State within the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return of refugees.

The United States' repeated blockage of the Security Council action has allowed for Israel's impunity, preventing this body from fulfilling its responsibility under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security and making it complicit in Israel's aggressive and expansionist policy.

A comprehensive, just, peaceful and lasting solution to the Palestinian question, which has counted on the historical support of the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the League of Arab States, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and other international actors, will not be attained as long as Israel continues to violate its obligations pursuant to International Law and the United

Nations Charter as well as the relevant resolutions of the United Nations, including resolution 2334 (2016) of the Security Council.

We strongly denounce the disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force by Israel against Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem and particularly the Gaza Strip, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and International Humanitarian Law.

We condemn the illegal construction and expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and the demolition and confiscation of Palestinian properties. This situation calls for urgent measures which ensure the full respect for International Law, particularly, the Fourth Geneva Convention.

At the same time, we reject the plans to annex the occupied Jordan Valley, in blatant violation of International Law and human rights.

We repudiate the unilateral decision of the U.S. government to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the so-called "Deal of the Century", which threatens the future of the State of Palestine, severely violates the legitimate interests of the Arab and Islamic nations and leads to a dangerous escalation in the region.

The abuses and violations against the Palestinian people cannot remain unpunished. The international community should demand and support the implementation of a political negotiation process in which the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are guaranteed and a just and lasting peace for all the peoples in the region is achieved.

We express our unyielding solidarity with the Palestinian people and government and the support for the admission of Palestine as a full member of the United Nations.

On this significant date, Cuba reaffirms its unshakable support to the Palestinian people and its legitimate struggle. It is time to pay the historical debt and put an end to this situation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.

(Signed)

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