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Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith the message of solidarity from His Excellency Mr. Thongloun SISOULITH, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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New York

Message of Solidarity
by His Excellency Thongloun SISOULITH,
President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,
on the Occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

On this occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, 29 November 2021, on behalf of the Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, I wish to extend to Your Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, and through Your Excellency, to the Government and People of the State of Palestine, my warmest congratulations and greetings of friendship and solidarity.

The commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People this year marks the 43rd anniversary of the collective support from the international community and highlights the importance and urgency of seeking a lasting solution to the question of Palestine, and addressing the plight of the Palestinian people who live through the untold suffering and humiliation for more than a half century. Therefore, it is critical for the international community to reinvigorate our joint efforts to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which remains fundamental to the region's durable peace, stability, and development.

The commemoration of this important event today takes place amidst the on-going challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic across all regions of the world including Palestinian territory. The pandemic has caused severe impact to the Palestinian people, including women and children. Therefore, more efforts should be made to assist the Palestinian people in addressing the said difficulties and ensuring safety of the Palestinian people in all aspects.

The Lao PDR reaffirms its consistent support for the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine and Palestinian people in their legitimate quest for dignity, justice and their inalienable rights to self-determination in their independent and viable State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side in peace and security with the State of Israel, within internationally recognized borders.

In this regard, the Lao PDR joins the international community in calling for the occupying Power to immediately cease all its unlawful occupation of the Palestinian territory, place a complete and indefinite freeze on all settlement activities, and respond favorably and in good faith to the international consensus in order to create the environment conducive for the pursuit of peace and security as well as for salvaging the prospect of achieving a two-state solution as soon as possible.

The Lao PDR fully supports the international effort in settling the conflict on the basis of international law and the principles enshrined in the UN Charter and all relevant UN resolutions. Furthermore, we reiterate our support for a genuine engagement of world leaders and all initiatives, including a possible of convening an international peace conference as repeatedly calls for by President Mahmoud Abbas.

On a final note, the Lao PDR commends the continued efforts by the United Nations and their relevant agencies in view of ensuring the lasting peace and prosperity for the people of Palestine. In this regard, the on-going work and dedication of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People remain relevant and crucial.

Vientiane, 9 November 2021