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Message of solidarity from the Government of the Republic of Namibia on the occasion of the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People", 29 November 2021

On this Special Day, the Government and the people of the Republic of Namibia join the International Community to reaffirm her longstanding commitment to the full realization of the inalienable right to self-determination and sovereignty of the Palestinian People.

This year marks the 73rd anniversary of the Al-Nakba, in which more than half of the Palestinian territory was forcibly seized. Subsequently, Namibia continues to witness the challenges that her Palestinian brothers and sisters are facing up until today due to systematic and institutional racism and discrimination, including the systematic advancements of new settlements by Israel into Palestinian lands. These illegal settlement activities continue gross human violation with impunity in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem, which constitutes a contravention of international law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

Namibia, with a history of solid solidarity and unwavering support to the just cause of the Palestinian people, stands for the two-state solution on the basis of the pre-1967 lines. This will ultimately pave the way for a future of peace, security and dignity for Palestinians, Israelis, and the entire region, but only through the genuine dialogue between all stakeholders. We are still assured that the International Communities efforts will resolve the Israel-Palestine conflict tranquilly and harmoniously. Therefore, we, together with the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP), will continue to mobilize efforts to raise international awareness on the question of Palestine.

Having said that, the Government of the Republic of Namibia reiterates its unequivocal commitment and full solidarity for the realization of their right of the Palestinian people to establish a free, independent and sovereign State with its capital in East Jerusalem and its pre-1967 borders, as well as the right of return for the Palestinian refugees.

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