



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and has the honour to submit a message of solidarity from Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwape, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Botswana, in view of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People the assurances of its highest consideration.

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On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Botswana, I have the honour to reaffirm Botswana's unwavering support of, and solidarity with, the people of Palestine in their protracted struggle for their inalienable right to self-determination, freedom, peace and independence.

Botswana is deeply concerned that these rights remain elusive due to the occupying power's illegal and destabilising actions in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

We therefore reiterate the call for a cessation of these actions which include, among others, violations of human rights, illegal settlement activity, and violence on the civilian population by security forces. It is regrettable that these violations are not met with firm measures of accountability by international community particularly the United Nations Security Council, which has the primary responsibility of maintaining international peace and security.

Nonetheless, we continue to be in support of efforts that are aimed at finding a just, lasting and peaceful solution, in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions and international law. In this context, we call on both Israel and the State of Palestine to recommit to diplomacy and dialogue.

The Government of Botswana also wishes to underscore its unwavering support for the Two-State solution, in which Israel and the State of Palestine coexist side-by-side in peace and security on the basis of the pre-1967 borders.

On the occasion of this International Day of Solidarity, we wish the Palestinian people peace, security, justice and prosperity.

Thank you.

Honourable Dr. Lemogang Kwape
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