## Statement by the Government of Guyana on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 29 November 2022

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2022, the Government of Guyana renews its longstanding solidarity with the Palestinian people in their quest for a just and durable peace and a safe and secure homeland.

The Government of Guyana is following with serious concern the escalating violence in the occupied West Bank and Israel which has resulted in deaths, injuries, and destruction of infrastructure. These events deepen the stalemate in the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict and make a permanent solution appear even more elusive. Further, incidents of serious violence compound the economic difficulties that the Palestinian people are grappling with and increase their risk of being left further behind in the global thrust for sustainable development.

The Government of Guyana therefore calls for an immediate cessation of all hostilities and urges the parties to take urgent steps towards resolving the outstanding political issues that are at the heart of the conflict. We underscore that the resumption of dialogue is a critical first step to this end.

The Government of Guyana reaffirms its conviction that the two-State solution, as defined by relevant United Nations resolutions, is the only legitimate end to the ongoing conflict. To this end, Guyana remains committed to international efforts to assist the parties in efforts to achieve these objectives and promote lasting peace in the Middle East.

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