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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO  
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, 23 November 2022

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.

Anouparb VONGNORKEO  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang  
Chair,  
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
New York

Message by  
His Excellency Thongloun SISOUKITH, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic,  
on the Occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People  
29 November 2022

On this solemn occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, on behalf of the Government and People of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and on my own behalf, I would like to extend to Your Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine, and through Your Excellency to the People of the State of Palestine, our warmest wishes and profound congratulations.

This year, we are commemorating the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People amidst rapidly changing and unpredictable global environment. Many countries across the globe have been encountering numerous challenges as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, wide spread armed conflicts, economic and financial uncertainties, climate change, food and energy crises, among others. The Palestinian people, in particular, have continued to confront on-going socio-economic and humanitarian challenges. Therefore, increased efforts by the international community are needed to support the Palestinian people to overcome the aforementioned challenges and guarantee their overall safety and well-being.

In this regard, the Lao PDR joins the international community in renewing our call for the occupying Power to immediately cease all its unlawful occupation of the Palestinian territory, place a complete and permanent freeze on all illegal settlement activities, and respond favorably and in good faith to the international consensus, in order to create an environment more conducive for the pursuit of peace and security as well as salvaging the prospects of achieving the two-state solution as soon as possible, in line with relevant United Nations resolutions and international law.

The Lao PDR reaffirms, its unwavering commitment and support for the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine and Palestinian people in their legitimate quest for dignity, justice and their inalienable right to self-determination in their independent and viable State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side in peace, security and harmony with the State of Israel, within internationally recognized borders. We further reiterate our full support for the international efforts aimed at achieving a comprehensive and lasting peace on the basis of the two-state solution and underscore the importance and urgency of resolving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which remains the key to lasting peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

On this 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 as well as The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East remain relevant and critical.

Vientiane, 23 November 2022