



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zimbabwe

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zimbabwe 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 refer to the letter of the Chairperson of the Committee, dated 1 November 2022, on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Attached hereto is a message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People from Honourable Ambassador F. M. Shava, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zimbabwe 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.

To: The Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
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**MESSAGE BY HONOURABLE AMBASSADOR F.M. SHAVA,
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE: 29 NOVEMBER 2022**

The people and Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe join the international community to observe the United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the people of Palestine. I wish to reiterate Zimbabwe's support for the people of Palestine in their struggle for self-determination. Zimbabwe commends the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for organizing this special commemorative meeting that reminds the world on the need to address the question of Palestine, which has been going on for far too long.

I take this opportunity to underscore that Zimbabwe remains committed to, and values efforts meant to revive a political process that would lead to the establishment of a viable Palestinian state that coexists side by side with Israel in peace and security within internationally recognized borders based on the 1967 lines, with East Jerusalem as its capital, in compliance with all relevant United Nations Resolutions. The Government of Zimbabwe believes that the return to the negotiating table is the only way to ensure a peaceful, just and lasting solution, between Palestine and Israel. We are convinced that the two-state solution is the only way to realize a just, lasting

and comprehensive peace between Palestine and Israel, which is linked to the peace, economic development, socio-political stability and security throughout the entire Middle East region.

Zimbabwe commends the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for its work that has had a significant impact in improving the lives of many Palestinian refugees in Jordan, Syria, West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, by providing emergency relief, health and social services, accommodation and education. We applaud the work of the Agency during the COVID-19 pandemic as it eased the ominous humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories.

In the spirit of solidarity, the Government of Zimbabwe wishes to reassure the people of Palestine all over the world of its continued support.



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