

MESSAGE ON THE COMMEMORATIVE EVENT OF 75^{TH} ANNIVERSARY OF NAKBA 15 MAY 2023

On this solemn occasion marking the 75th anniversary of Nakba, Malaysia reiterates its unwavering solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Palestine in their struggle to achieve an independent, free and peaceful Palestine. Our thoughts and prayers are with the courageous people of Palestine, as they continue to resist the inhumane oppression and despicable apartheid practices of the occupying power. Their resilience and perseverance in facing such injustice continue to inspire many in the Muslim world and beyond.

We also reiterate our condemnation in the strongest terms of the recent incursion into the Al-Aqsa Mosque and attacks against worshippers on 5 April 2023 during the Holy month of Ramadan. Such actions clearly constitute flagrant violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws.

Malaysia remains steadfast in its condemnation of Israeli's illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and the oppression of the Palestinian people that prevents them from exercising their inherent inalienable right to self-determination.

Our commitment to the Palestinian cause is evident through our membership in the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices (SCIIP) and the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP). In addition, we are hopeful that our annual contribution to UNRWA, along with our bilateral humanitarian assistance would continue to assist meaningfully in providing basic necessities to our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

The UN has a fundamental responsibility to ensure peace and security as well as uphold the principles enshrined in the Charter. Thus, we urge the Security Council to hold Israel accountable for the atrocities it has committed in violation of the UN Charter. Decisive actions need to be taken to ensure that UNSC Resolution 2334(2016) is fully honoured, respected and implemented. It is the duty of the international community to support the Palestinian people and provide them with the protection they deserve.

In addition, Malaysia welcomes the adoption of Resolution 77/247, which requests an Advisory Opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the legal consequences arising from the ongoing violation by Israel of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, from its prolonged occupation, settlement and annexation of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967. In this regard, Malaysia intends to submit a written statement to the ICJ and calls on other UN Member States to also follow suit in paving the way to find a just and long-lasting solution to the question of Palestine.

Malaysia's unwavering commitment to the Palestinian cause is clear. We firmly believe that the path to lasting peace can only be achieved through a two-State solution based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine.

It has been 75 years since the cruel and devastating impact of Nakba. The Palestine state continues to face immense repression and cruelty. Its people continue to suffer. In this regard, Malaysia calls upon the international community to act in our common desire to end the decades-long persecution of the Palestinian people. While generations of Palestinians have had to endure this oppression, it is time to end the injustices and give the people of Palestine a better future.

