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NAMIBIA JOINS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE 75TH COMMEMORATION OF THE NAKBA AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Government of Namibia joins the international community in the 75th commemoration of the Nakba at the United Nations in New York. This solemn occasion is a reminder of the consequential nature of our decision making. 75 years ago, through the adoption General Assembly Resolution 181. A resolution that changed the lives of the Palestinian people, following through the adoption of the United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine. Per its Charter, the core principles of the United Nations are anchored in the belief that “war brings untold sorrow to mankind”. Namibia has consistently advocated for the right to self-determination for the Palestinian people, by reiterating our unflinching commitment to a just, lasting and comprehensive solution to the question of Palestine, a long standing agenda of the General Assembly.

On this solemn occasion, we express our solidarity with the people of Palestine and make an impassioned call for the occupying power, Israel to be held accountable for its continued disregard for, and flagrant violation of international law, international human rights and humanitarian law through continued annexation and expansion of settlements in all parts of the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem. Namibia welcomes the vote in the 77th Session of the General Assembly requesting an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences of Israel’s prolonged occupation and colonization of the Palestinian Territory and considers it an important step for the Palestinian people.

Namibia further reiterates her commitment to stay the course and render continuous support to our Palestinian brothers and sisters, fuelled by the hope that they too will be afforded the opportunity to exercising their inalienable right to self-determination which will see Israel and Palestine peacefully co-existing in a contiguous state according to the pre-1967 borders.

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