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Message of solidarity from the Government of Namibia on the occasion of the “International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people”, 29 November 2023

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Government of the Republic of Namibia reiterates its support to the People of Palestine who have long endured the hardship of brute force coupled by illegal occupation. The disenfranchisement they have endured in clear breach of international law and international humanitarian and human rights law, in flagrant violation of several resolutions of both the General Assembly and the Security Council remains a cause for concern.

The year 2023 saw a continuation of the persistent escalation of violence meted against the Palestinian People by Israel, especially in Gaza and the West Bank with the latest violence mercilessly taking the lives of close to 15000 Palestinians, innocent civilians, including 4000 women, more than 6150 children and over 100 United Nations employees. Namibia continues to call for an immediate cessation of violence and unabated aggression. We further reiterate our call for unhindered access for humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable and immediate end to the forced mass displacement of the Palestinian people. Namibia holds the view that Human Rights should not only be used as a slogan to be cited for convenience, but it must apply equally as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which include the Human Rights of the People of Palestine.

The Government of Namibia has, earlier this year made a submission to the international court of Justice as part of the ongoing proceedings and eagerly awaits the advisory opinion of the Court to determine the consequence of Israel's continued illegal occupation of Palestine. Namibia calls on the United Nations not to allow Israel not to change the fact on the ground, and must be held accountable for the Genocide it has committed against the people of Palestine.

Namibia remains unrelenting in its support for the Palestinian People until they are granted a historical opportunity to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and the establishment of a viable and contiguous State based on the pre 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its Capital.



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