



MESSAGE BY
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. EMMERSON D. MNANGAGWA,
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THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE,
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE:

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On this important occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the people of Palestine, the Government and people of the Republic of Zimbabwe, wish to join the international community in extending support and unwavering solidarity to the Palestinian people in their struggle to achieve their inalienable rights to build a future of peace, justice, security and dignity. I reaffirm Zimbabwe's commitment to a future where Palestinians and Israelis would coexist in peace and harmony.

In the face of longstanding challenges and persistent hardships and struggles, the people of Palestine have exhibited remarkable resilience, courage, and determination. As we mark this day, it is vital to reflect on the principles of justice, human rights, and equality that are at the core of the Palestinian cause for self-determination and for a homeland.

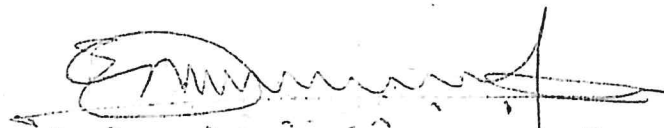
The ongoing tragic conflagration in the region demands our attention, empathy, and action. We call for collective efforts to advocate for a dialogue with a view to finding a just and lasting resolution to the conflict.

As we observe this important day, it is imperative that we address the critical need for unhindered humanitarian assistance to reach the most vulnerable populations in Gaza, particularly women, children, and the elderly. The access to basic necessities, such as food, clean water, energy, medical supplies, and shelter, remains dire and demands our immediate attention.

Zimbabwe commends the United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for working tirelessly to keep the Palestinian issue alive at the multilateral level. We, also, acknowledge the critical and indispensable role that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is playing in providing essential services, which include education, healthcare, and other social services, to Palestinian refugees. Zimbabwe notes, with concern, that UNRWA is facing severe financial constraints negatively impacting its ability to continue delivering these essential services. It is, therefore, imperative that the international community supports UNRWA to enable it to

continue providing essential support to Palestinian refugees. The Government and people of Zimbabwe, have noted with sadness and deep concern the high number of deaths among the staff working for UNRWA since the outbreak of the current conflict in October 2023. These dedicated staff paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause for peace and to, selflessly, provide relief to the people of Palestine. We salute them and express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved and to the UN family, at large.

May our support and solidarity, today, for the legitimate cause of the Palestinian people, serve as a reminder that together, we can contribute to a world where justice prevails, and every individual can live with dignity, freedom, and security.



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