

Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the High-Level UN Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution
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**Distinguished Co-Chairs,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Kazakhstan commends and sincerely thanks the Republic of France and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their leadership in reviving international momentum for a just, lasting and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Kazakhstan has consistently supported the realization of the two-State solution as the only viable path to a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace in the Middle East. We firmly believe that the establishment of an independent, sovereign and viable State of Palestine within the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side with Israel in peace and security, remains essential to regional and global stability.

This vision is founded especially on the relevant UN General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions.

At the same time, Kazakhstan unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks carried out on 7 October 2023, which led to the killing of civilians and the taking of hostages. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. Such acts are unacceptable and have no justification under international law. The protection of civilians must be upheld on all sides.

We are deeply alarmed by the continuing escalation of violence, the unprecedented level of human suffering in Gaza, and the absence of a genuine political horizon. The dire humanitarian situation is unacceptable and demands urgent international attention.

Kazakhstan reaffirms its support for the central role of the United Nations in efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Hence, we highly commend and support the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East – UNRWA in providing vital services and protection to millions of Palestinian refugees. It has been for seven decades a crucial lifeline for them despite unprecedented operational challenges and funding shortfalls. Kazakhstan has been contributing voluntary financial support to UNRWA's core and emergency programmes and stands ready to continue this assistance.

We call for sustained and predictable funding for it and safeguard its neutrality, operational integrity and viability.

Furthermore, we express our solidarity with the people of Palestine and reaffirm our readiness to extend humanitarian and development assistance, including to the civilian population in Gaza.

We also believe that ensuring accountability and adherence to international humanitarian and human rights law must be at the heart of any meaningful process toward peace. The protection of civilians must remain paramount. There can be no lasting peace without justice, dignity and mutual recognition.

Peace cannot be deferred indefinitely. Kazakhstan welcomes efforts aimed at rebuilding confidence and revitalizing dialogue between the parties, as well as within the international community, including through regional and multilateral platforms. We are also open to participating in broader efforts to create enabling conditions for the resumption of meaningful peace negotiations under the auspices of the UN and in line with internationally agreed parameters.

To conclude, the international community has a moral and political responsibility to act. Let us stand for a just and secure Middle East, while restoring the faith of generations who deserve to grow up free from fear, with rights and opportunities.

I thank you.