Statement

by the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN Mr. Meder Utebaev at the High-level International 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,

Let me also thank to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the France for convening this important conference.

We also commend contributions and ongoing engagement of all high-level representatives presented over the past three days, as we collectively strive to address the tragic situation in Palestine.

Kyrgyzstan stands in full solidarity with the people of Palestine, particularly in light of the devastating humanitarian situation in Gaza.

We are gravely concerned by the suffering endured by innocent civilians—especially women, children, and the elderly.

The agreement from 19 January 2025 brought a brief yet significant pause in hostilities, enabled the exchange of prisoners and hostages, and allowed critical humanitarian assistance—delivered by the United Nations, the ICRC, and other partners—to reach those in urgent need.

Regrettably, this fragile ceasefire was short-lived. Hostilities have resumed, and once again, it is the civilian population that bears the greatest burden.

However, the situation is not hopeless, let's collectively reaffirm our unwavering commitment to peace, dialogue, and the protection of human life.

We call all parties to exercise maximum restraint and to uphold their responsibilities under international humanitarian law, especially with regard to the civilian population of Gaza.

Excellencies,

Today, 149 United Nations Member States have recognized the State of Palestine.

Kyrgyzstan is proud to be among them. We established diplomatic relations with Palestine back in 1995, and this year we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of our diplomatic ties.

We welcome the decision made by France on the recognition of State of Palestine, and the decision of the United Kingdom, which was announced yesterday at this very podium.

We believe that a just, lasting, and comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must be based on the relevant UN resolutions, and the long-standing principle of two States for two people, living side by side in peace, security, and mutual recognition.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The global community must remain united in its efforts to end the bloodshed, to prevent further loss of innocent lives, prevent further escalation of a full-scale humanitarian catastrophe.

We welcome the joint initiative of Saudi Arabia to establish an international coalition to advance the implementation of the Two-State solution.

Kyrgyzstan is ready and will contribute to all international efforts aimed at achieving a just, comprehensive, and sustainable peace in the Middle East.

I thank you.