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High-level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and Implementation of the Two-State Solution

Statement by the Republic of Poland

Excellencies,

The moment has arrived to pursue sincere and renewed efforts toward achieving lasting peace in the Middle East. The situation in region calls for a decisive action, as it can no longer endure repeated cycles of violence, suffering, and humanitarian disaster.

Poland's position on the main topic of the Conference is clear: we remain firmly committed to the implementation of the two-state solution. It is important to recall that Poland recognized Palestinian statehood back in 1988. We thus thank France and Saudi Arabia for their efforts to enhance global support for the two-state solution.

To realize this goal, Poland maintains that Israel's long-term security can only be achieved by diplomatic engagement with its neighbours. Abraham Accords, facilitated by the United States, serve as the best example to follow. Yet, to enable a diplomatic solution, the Palestinian issue must be addressed.

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Poland condemns all forms of terrorism, whether state-sponsored or carried out by non-state actors. Terrorism is no solution to any problems. It only deepens suffering and instability of peoples, states and regions.

In this context, we fully support Israel's sovereign right to self-defence and persistently call for an unconditional release of Hamas-held Israeli hostages. But we cannot tolerate Israeli policies that result in civilians dying of hunger on the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories.

Poland upholds its position that the limitation of humanitarian aid deliveries to the Gaza Strip, employed by the Israeli authorities as a means of exerting pressure on

Hamas, constitutes an unacceptable violation of the principles of international law. We call for immediate, full, and sustained humanitarian access. Poland also sees the necessity of resuming the activities of UNRWA in the occupied territories. We continue to provide financial support to this United Nations agency.

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A new momentum is emerging, although we fully aware that achieving a two-state solution is bleak and requires breakthrough efforts. In this context, we are particularly alarmed by the recent Knesset resolution calling on the government to "extend Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria and the Jordan Valley," which effectively amounts to the annexation of the occupied territories of the West Bank.

In conclusion, *Excellencies*, allow me to underscore that Poland strongly condemns the violations of international law and international humanitarian law, including in the Gaza Strip, and we have often taken a public stance on these matters. We call for the immediate restoration of humanitarian access to Gaza and the resumption of food and medical aid convoys. In this spirit, we have recently joined the British initiative – together with 30 like-minded foreign ministers – to address the grave situation on the ground in Gaza. Above all, we express our strong hope for a swift agreement on a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip — one that will also ensure the immediate release of all hostages held by Hamas. Peace, security, and human dignity must prevail.

I thank you.