

Remarks

High-level International Conference on the Two-State Solution UN, July 28-30, 2025

Excellencies, Distinguished guests,
and Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to join other delegations to thank France and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting this meaningful conference regarding the Two-State Solution.

Following Hamas's attack on October 7, the armed conflict in Gaza has continued for more than 21 months. We are deeply concerned over the dire humanitarian situation and the hostages in Gaza, thereby undermining the viability of a two-state solution. In this regard, we consider this high-level conference to be very important and timely.

It is high time that a ceasefire be reached without further delay. Once again, the Korean government appreciates the diplomatic efforts made by Egypt, Qatar and the United States as mediators, and urges all parties to work in good faith in the ceasefire negotiations.

Excellencies,

The Korean government has joined the efforts made by the international community. Korea, as a member of the UN Security Council, has actively engaged in many resolutions calling for a ceasefire and the release of all hostages.

The Korean government deeply understands the Palestinian people's aspiration to establish their own state, and we have consistently supported the two-state solution as the only viable way to resolve the Israel-Palestine issue and build permanent peace. The Korean government will continue to engage in the serious discussions of the international community regarding the recognition of Palestinian statehood.

In acknowledgement of Palestine's capacity building needs for future state development, Korea has provided its support in its areas of expertise such as healthcare, education, and public administration.

In particular, Korea has provided a total of 106 million dollars in ODA for Palestine through various projects such as the establishment of public rehabilitation therapy centers, enhancement of food and pharmaceutical traceability systems, vocational training, ICT equipment support, strengthening of e-government systems, and establishment of a civil servant training institute.

Korea remains committed to educational and training support to enable young Palestinians to shape their future with dignity and

independence. We will work closely with Palestine to find empowerment programs in line with the National Development Pact for the Future of Palestine.

The Korean government has also steadily increased its regular contributions to the relevant UN agencies, including UNRWA, as well as humanitarian aid to Palestinians. We believe there is a need for the safe, rapid and unimpeded delivery of UN-led humanitarian aid.

Taking this opportunity, we are pleased to announce that Korea has provided an additional 30 million dollars in humanitarian aid to civilians affected by the situation in Gaza this year. We hope that this assistance will lead to improvements in the humanitarian situation in Gaza, particularly regarding food, water, healthcare, education and shelter.

Excellencies,

In the face of this unprecedented crisis, we are gathered here to once again light the torch of hope for a political horizon. The Korean government reaffirms its commitment to play its active part in the international efforts to build peace and stability based on the two-state solution in the region.

Thank you.