

**United Nations High-level International Conference on  
the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine  
and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution**

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**STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

**Co-Chairpersons,  
Distinguished Delegates,**

Mauritius welcomes this international Conference as a way forward on an issue that poses a serious threat to peace and security and has given rise to a man-made humanitarian crisis in Palestine that worsens by the day.

The co-conveners have rightly set the theme of the Conference as the IMPLEMENTATION of the Two-State Solution which has long been advocated by the international community as an essential condition for peace and stability in the region.

The implementation of the Two-State Solution does not mean the creation of a NEW State.

Palestine meets the criteria for statehood under international law. Indeed, it has already been recognized as a State by the vast

majority of States and by the United Nations, which admitted Palestine as an Observer **State**. The announcements by France and the UK that they intend to join over two thirds of UN members in recognizing the State of Palestine is a significant step going forward.

It is our view, that the term Two-State Solution refers to the mutual recognition of two existing States and their respective sovereignty with secure and recognized borders living alongside each other. This would also put an end to the unlawful settlements and annexations and thus provide for recognized borders, in line with international law.

Furthermore, it should enable the State of Palestine to take its rightful place as a full-fledged Member State of the United Nations.

Mauritius reiterates its unwavering support for the Two State Solution and calls on the international community to spare no effort in its implementation.

The need for this solution has become still more urgent as we hear of the persistent harrowing accounts of the unimaginable and horrific situation in Gaza - the loss of innocent lives and the dehumanization of the population who are subjected to displacement, disease, and starvation.

Mauritius will continue to support all initiatives at the UN to bring a just, peaceful, comprehensive and lasting solution to the conflict.

As the United Nations pursues efforts to make itself more responsive to the needs of future generations, the principles and goals set out in the UN Charter provide a solid framework for the implementation of the Two State Solution.

Member States' obligations to respect international law, including human rights and humanitarian law, are cardinal principles that must be observed.

Respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the political independence of States are peremptory norms.

As the United Nations celebrates its 80th Anniversary, it is opportune for all Member States to rally around the UN Charter to reaffirm the seminal principles of our organization.

This Conference today is a decisive moment to renew our commitment to multilateralism and our resolve in the pursuit of world peace and security by bringing an end to the violence and decades-long human suffering in Palestine.

Let us commit together to create the necessary conditions for durable peace and prosperity in the region.

Thank you.

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