

NATIONAL STATEMENT BY NIGERIA AT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON THE TWO-STATE SOLUTION, NEW YORK, 28TH - 30TH JULY, 2025.

Co-Chairs,

Excellencies,

2. Nigeria welcomes the convening of this High-Level Conference to address the protracted challenges of the Two-State Solution, and express profound appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of France for their efforts that culminated in holding this very important meeting on the implementation of the resolutions pertaining to the Question of Palestine and the Two-State Solution, in line with relevant UNGA resolutions.

3. The protracted and unfortunate situation in Gaza and other Palestinian Territories cannot be ignored anymore. The lingering Israel-Palestine conflict indicates that the international community has failed to live up to the spirit and aspiration of the United Nations to rid the world of inequality, violence and illegal occupation. Nigeria recalls the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legal consequences arising from Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied

Palestinian Territory, and wishes to state that Israel has an obligation to bring an end to its presence in this Palestinian Territory in order to actualize the cause of self-determination of the Palestinian people.

4. Nigeria has made several efforts in the past to play a mediating role in the conflict at the highest level, including visiting both Israel and Palestine, during which time, we called on the two sides to return to the negotiating table. Therefore, as we underscore the importance of this gathering, Nigeria wishes to call for concrete follow-up of these important initiatives that could culminate in the realisation of a two-state solution and end the age-long conflict.

Mr Chair,

5. The United Nations, which has remained a beacon of hope and a platform for collaboration in an increasingly interconnected world, must uphold its responsibilities. The role of the United Nations as a catalyst for change will remain crucial and Nigeria will continue to strongly support the Palestinian cause while reiterating the call that the occupied authorities must “abide by their responsibilities under international law.

6. Nigeria further reiterates its position that there is no justification for the carnage that is currently going on in the occupied Palestinian territory. The loss of human lives that continues to rise every day is unacceptable,

even as we stress that the Palestinian people deserve their independence. This, we believe, is fundamental for securing justice and peace for all those living in the region. Nigeria also reiterates the call on the Security Council to bring about a permanent solution to the Palestinian question by ensuring the realisation of the Two-State solution, inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the independence and sovereignty of the State of Palestine, based on the pre-1967 borders.

7. Nigeria appreciates and supports Egypt and Qatar in their ongoing diplomatic efforts to reach an agreement for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, and the Arab-Islamic Plan for Early Recovery, Reconstruction and Development of Gaza, which was presented by Egypt in full coordination with the State of Palestine and endorsed by both the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Mr Chair,

8. Nigeria wishes to highlight the vital and important role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), along with other United Nations agencies in alleviating the plight of Palestinian people and urges the international community to support the Agency through ensuring that its finances are sustainable and predictable for a continuity in its humanitarian work.

9. Lastly, Nigeria, while reiterating the call for the admission of the State of Palestine as a full Member State of the United Nations, with all rights and privileges, hopes that today's forum could be the enduring legacy of multilateral efforts in the realization of a political horizon of achieving a just and lasting solution for the people of Palestine, on the basis of the two States solution, with the peoples living side by side in peace and security, within secure and recognized pre-1967 borders.

10. Thank you all.