MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA H.E. JOKO WIDODO ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 29 NOVEMBER 2023

This year's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is commemorated in darkness. It has been more than a month since Israel launched an unjust collective punishment against the Palestinians.

Thousands of lives have been lost; with innocent women and children among the victims. Hospitals, refugee camps, mosques, churches, and humanitarian facilities have become targets of Israel's indiscriminate attacks. The Palestinian people's right to life is at its lowest point, with restricted access to water, food, energy, and medicine.

Indonesia strongly condemns these crimes against humanity and calls for an investigation into Israel's clear violations of international humanitarian law. For far too long, Israel has escaped consequences of its actions against the Palestinians. And for far too long, the Palestinian people have endured the loss of their rights to never-ending illegal occupation and colonialism.

This year's observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People must serve as a catalyst for global solidarity. The international community must exert pressure to address the root cause of the conflict, to stop the cycle of violence. International law must be upheld, and a two-state solution based on internationally agreed parameters must be pursued collectively.

We also have a shared responsibility to prevent this conflict from escalating into a regional or global crisis. Therefore, Indonesia urges the global community to unite in a collective call for an immediate ceasefire. Every second wasted in the world's failure to stop the violence represents a defeat for humanity, not only for the Palestinian people, but for the whole of humanity.

Today, I reaffirm Indonesia's unwavering commitment to the struggle of the Palestinian people—a commitment that has been consistently upheld by founders of the Indonesian nation. For as long as the Republic of Indonesia exists, it will always give its full support to Palestine, through political means, humanitarian aid, and capacity-building.

Indonesia will not back down, will never remain silent, and will be fearless in its support to the struggle for independence of the Palestinian people.

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA,

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