MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY BY

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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Today, we honor the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. A day which was established in 1978 to express our unwavering support for their inalienable rights and their relentless pursuit of peace, justice, security, and dignity. Yet, in 2024, we continue to witness the painful reality of their struggle.

This year stands as a powerful reminder of the ongoing cycle of violence endured by the Palestinian people. Over the past year, the Zionist Israeli regime has cruelly stolen the futures of millions. Each day, an average of 115 lives are lost, with 274 more left injured, leaving families shattered and displaced with nowhere to call home. Countless souls remain trapped under the rubble. Entire communities have been torn apart, rendering vast stretches of Gaza uninhabitable. Malaysia expresses its unequivocal condemnation of the violence, the continued expansion of illegal settlements, the dispossession and forced displacement, and the systematic oppression by the Zionist Israeli regime against the Palestinian people. Such acts are an egregious violation of international law, and are tantamount to apartheid.

The ongoing oppression of the Palestinian people calls for our unwavering solidarity now more than ever. Despite countless negotiations, UN resolutions, and the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion, justice remains heartbreakingly out of reach. The regime continues to act with impunity, perpetrating violence, expanding illegal settlements, and trampling on the sovereignty of neighboring countries in the region. The Zionist Israeli regime has also disrupted the lifeline of Palestinians by targeting the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

We must stand united against these injustices. Israel should not be allowed to act without accountability. Breaches of international law, humanitarian law, and human rights law—including acts of genocide and war crimes—must be met with consequences. The global community has pledged never to allow such horrors to occur again, yet we find ourselves facing atrocities and ethnic cleansing in the 21st century.

As a member of the UN Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices (SCIIP) and the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

(CEIRPP), Malaysia stands firm in its commitment to the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

Malaysia will continue to render its undivided support to the Palestinian People until they are able to attain their right to self-determination in a sovereign Palestinian State, based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

In this critical moment, we must raise our voices for the Palestinian people. Their struggle is not just theirs; it is a call to all of humanity. Together, we must forge a path toward accountability and a just resolution, ensuring that the cries for justice from Palestine are heard and acted upon.

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