

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR MOHAMED MUIZZU PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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Today on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Maldives reaffirms its commitment to their struggle for justice and their right to live in peace. Our support for the Palestine cause remains deep rooted and is a concern shared by all Maldivians across the nation.

The Palestinians are victims of a generational injustice which continues to this day. They continue to face violence, dispossession, displacement and oppression. Every passing day serves as a solemn reminder of the immense suffering endured by the Palestinian people. It strengthens our resolve and deepens our moral obligation to refuse to look away. This injustice remains a stain on our shared history.

The international community must come together and leverage all its political will and economic power to demand an immediate end to the occupation, halt arms sales to Israel, and hold those responsible for war crimes and genocidal acts accountable. As the critical lifeline for all Palestinian refugees for more than 75 years, we call on every nation to express their support to UNRWA and its vital functions.

We condemn Israel's callous genocidal acts, and their repeated violations of international law, international humanitarian law, and international human rights law. The impunity with which Israel operates is not simply an attack on the Palestinian people but an attack on the whole multilateral framework. The international community must protect the Palestinian people and their rights and hold Israel accountable.

The Maldives believes that there is no obligation – moral or legal – greater than the pursuit to liberate the Palestinian people. For every Maldivian, it is undeniable that Palestine's struggle is our own struggle, and we stand unwavering before the world, in our commitment to ensure justice, dignity and freedom is faithfully restored to the people of Palestine at every forum.

We firmly believe that a lasting and sustainable solution can only be possible through the establishment of an independent and sovereign Palestinian State based on the pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

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President of the Republic of Maldives

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