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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), and with reference to the latter's Note Verbale dated 07 November 2024, has the honour to enclose the message from the Prime Minister of Pakistan on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, to be held on 29 November 2024.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Message of the Prime Minister of Pakistan on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November 2024)

On this solemn occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I reaffirm the unwavering support of the people and Government of Pakistan for the just cause of Palestine and the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.

This year marks a deeply disturbing moment in the history of Palestine in the wake of Israel's brutal aggression in Gaza and the West Bank since October 7, 2023. In one of the gravest human tragedies of our time, Israel has carried out the blatant slaughter of over 43,000 innocent men, women, and children in the occupied Palestine.

The Palestinian people have been bravely enduring a campaign of unending genocidal violence with indiscriminate attacks, ethnic cleansing, and collective punishment that constitute a flagrant violation of human dignity, human rights, and international law. In fact, Israel's violations of international humanitarian law has crippled the humanitarian response in Gaza, intensifying the suffering of its besieged population.

Pakistan calls upon the international community to act swiftly and decisively, to impose an immediate halt to Israel's atrocities, including the indiscriminate attacks on civilians, hospitals, schools, and critical infrastructure. The repeated assaults on humanitarian aid convoys and essential services are unconscionable. The failure to hold Israel accountable for these grave war crimes and violations of human rights will perpetuate the impunity, with which Israel has unleashed its destruction in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon.

Pakistan further calls for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and stresses the urgency of ensuring unhindered humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) must receive the full support of the international community, both in funding and protection, to meet the growing needs of Palestinian refugees. We strongly condemn any attempt, including recent legislative efforts in Israel, to undermine UNRWA's critical work.

We will continue to resolutely support the Palestinian people's legitimate struggle for freedom and self-determination, as upheld by the recent advisory opinion of the ICJ. We remain committed to a just and lasting solution to the Palestinian issue, in accordance with relevant UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, which call for the establishment of an independent, sovereign, and contiguous State of Palestine, with pre-1967 borders and Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Once again, on behalf of the people of Pakistan, I reaffirm our complete solidarity with the valiant and resilient Palestinian people. We will continue to stand by you in your just and rightful pursuit of peace, dignity, and right to self-determination.
