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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, LUIZ INÁCIO LULA DA SILVA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

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On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, Brazil reaffirms its unwavering support for the legitimate and inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and for the realization of the two-State solution.

We deplore the Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip, which have caused the death of more than 68,000 people, many of them women and children, the forced displacement of nearly two million residents, and unprecedented devastation, including the destruction of much of the territory's civilian infrastructure. We condemn, in the strongest possible terms, all violations of international humanitarian law and the collective punishment of an entire civilian population, as well as the set of acts that amount to a genocide against the Palestinian people. In this context, we call for justice and the punishment of those responsible for such violations.

The latest ceasefire must be upheld and provide effective relief to civilians. It must guarantee the full, immediate, safe, and unimpeded entry of humanitarian assistance into the Gaza Strip and enable United Nations agencies and humanitarian actors—particularly UNRWA, whose work remains indispensable—to operate freely and securely. The full withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Palestinian territory is essential to prevent further suffering and instability.

The urgent process of reconstruction of the Gaza Strip must begin without delay under Palestinian coordination and supervision. It is also crucial to strengthen the role of the Palestinian Authority, with a view to achieving the restoration of the political and geographical unity of the State of Palestine under its legitimate government. Brazil stands ready to join international efforts for the immediate reconstruction of Gaza, in close cooperation with the United Nations and partners.

We remain gravely concerned by the continuous expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, in violation of international law and in defiance of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice issued on 19 July 2024, which found Israel's continued presence in the occupied Palestinian territory to be unlawful and concluded that the country must immediately cease any new settlement activities.

Brazil reaffirms its conviction that achieving a just, stable, and lasting peace in the Middle East requires the implementation of a two-State solution: an independent and viable State of Palestine living side by side with Israel, in peace and security, within the pre-1967 borders, which includes the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Brazil remains firmly committed to the just and comprehensive settlement of the question of Palestine. We will continue to work tirelessly for peace and justice in the Middle East, in the conviction that only through dialogue, mutual recognition, and respect for international law can Israelis and Palestinians coexist in dignity and security.