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Message

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 29 November 2021

As we observe the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I reaffirm Sri Lanka's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and express our firm solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The struggle of the Palestinian people to realize their legitimate right to Statehood has continued for over seven decades. It is heartening to note the resilience and strength of the Palestinian people in pursuing their legitimate rights.

Sri Lanka supports a sovereign, independent State of Palestine and calls on the international community renew their efforts for the peaceful settlement of issues through negotiations and continue a process towards achieving a lasting solution. Sri Lanka refterates in this context, the importance of the early implementation of the UN General Assembly resolutions regarding a two-State solution on the basis of the 1967 borders. Sri Lanka also reiterates its strong support for Palestine's admission as a full Member of the United Nations and its organizations.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Sri Lanka, I extend my sincerc best wishes to the people of Palestine in their pursuit of statehood, peace and prosperity.

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