



**STATEMENT BY H.E. DATO' GANESON SIVAGURUNATHAN
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ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, 10 DECEMBER 2020**

Malaysia is happy to participate in this annual observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. This occasion should serve as a reminder that the United Nations was created on the principles of ensuring the presence and practice of human rights, justice, peace, and respect for international law for all, including for our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

2. Malaysia would like to join others to support the Palestinian cause and reaffirm our solidarity with the Palestinian people. Malaysia remains steadfast in supporting against the oppression of Palestinians and for the restoration of their inalienable rights. Malaysia joins the international community in condemning the illegal settlements by Israel, including its unlawful occupation of Jerusalem. Indeed, Malaysia has continuously denounced the state terrorism committed by Israel against the Palestinian people.

3. Malaysia's position on the issue of Palestine has always been consistent. Malaysia reiterates that the two-State solution based on pre-1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine, as the only viable solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. We have also always rejected the illegal and unilateral action of Israel to implement its plan to annex parts of the Occupied Palestinian Territory in the West Bank.

4. Malaysia supports concrete and honest efforts to find a just and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on international law and relevant United Nations resolutions through negotiations involving the parties concerned. However, Malaysia is concerned that the members of the international community are drifting away from working towards the two-State solution, while Israel continues to be ignorant in illegally increasing and expanding its settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem at the expense of innocent Palestinians. In this regard, Malaysia strongly urges all relevant parties to implement the United Nations' Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2334 which calls for the halt of illegal settlement activities by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and we call on the international community to continue to be seized on this.

5. We also continue to call for the international community and the UNSC to keep ensuring that it undertake its responsibility without prejudice in line with its Charter obligations and responsibilities, towards lasting peace, security and stability in the region. It is imperative that all parties must return to the negotiating table as this is the only way to reach a mutually agreed peaceful settlement of this situation.

Thank you.