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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, I reaffirm India's strong and steadfast support for the Palestinian cause. We welcome the recent efforts of Palestine and Israel, mediated by the US, for resumption of direct peace talks and remain hopeful that the negotiations would lead to a comprehensive peace process for final resolution of the conflict within an agreed timeline. India supports a negotiated resolution, resulting in a sovereign, independent, viable and united state of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, living within secure and recognized borders side by side and at peace with Israel as endorsed in the Arab Peace Initiative, the Quartet Road-map and relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

I also take this opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations to the people of Palestine and their leadership on obtaining 'Non-Member Observer State' status in the UN General Assembly last year. India has always played a proactive role in supporting the Palestinian cause in multilateral fora. We co-sponsored the resolution on enhancing Palestine's status in the UN General Assembly and will continue to support Palestine's bid for full and equal membership of the United Nations.

India has also supported the nation building efforts of Palestine through technical and economic assistance, including budgetary support. We are supporting construction of schools and setting up an IT centre and a Vocational Training Centre in Palestine. Additionally, India contributes US \$ 1 million annually to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian refugees. We are also implementing developmental projects in Palestine jointly with Brazil and South Africa as partners in IBSA. India will continue to support these efforts.

On behalf of the people of India, I take this opportunity to convey our best wishes and warm greetings to the friendly people of Palestine.

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