



State of Palestine  
Palestine Liberation Organization  
**Negotiations Affairs Department**

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**To: Distinguished Members of the Parliament of Luxembourg.**

**Your Honorable Excellencies,**

It is with deep honor and respect that I am addressing you, on behalf of the leadership and the people of Palestine, to express our sincere respect for your strong demonstration of international responsibility by approving your latest resolution with regards to the prospects of further Israeli annexation of occupied Palestinian territory.

The prospects of annexation threaten to end the very possibility of a negotiated solution. It also represents a severe blow to the international rules-based world order as it aims at normalizing annexation, a crime of aggression, as well Israel's colonial-settlement enterprise in the occupied State of Palestine, which falls within the definition of war crimes under the Rome Statute.

Your resolution specifies the undertaking of concrete measures to save the prospects of a just and lasting peace for Palestine, Israel, and the rest of the region. There can be no peace without fully honoring the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including to self-determination. To achieve peace, the State of Palestine has already made a historic compromise in accepting the internationally endorsed two-state solution, wherein Palestine should exist as an independent, sovereign, and contiguous state within the 1967 border with East Jerusalem its capital. This vision, presented before the UNSC and approved by the Arab League through the Arab Peace Initiative, is being threatened by Israel's current attempts at consolidating an Apartheid regime in the historic land of Palestine.

Annexation is an additional Israeli threat against rules-based world order. For Palestine, annexation means the theft of our land, natural resources, borders, electromagnetic sphere, airspace, and maritime borders, all of them being fundamental attributes for any sovereign state. Annexation means the denial of Palestine's right to exist, depriving Palestinians of all of their inalienable rights, and eliminating the prospects for a negotiated two-state solution.

Your timely support is crucial to save the prospects of a just and lasting peace,

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