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**Statement**

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**Mr. President,**

Let me begin by thanking the Secretary General for his reports on the Question of Palestine, and the Situation in Middle East.

Just yesterday, we celebrated the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Peoples. Yet, despite the apparent support by States and other international actors of the Palestinian cause, it is with great sadness that we bear witness to the fact that the Palestinian people are still prevented from fulfilling their right to establish an independent and sovereign state.

For Indonesia, the future of the Palestinian people has always been one of tremendous importance. Our Constitution speaks against colonization and foreign occupation. And with this in mind, I wish to reiterate Indonesia's strong and unwavering support for the establishment of an independent State of Palestine, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Indonesia remains convinced that the two-state solution, on the basis of the 1967 lines, represents the best chance for a peace agreement between Palestine and Israel. To that end, we call on Israel to show good faith, and to make the best use of the negotiations currently underway to achieve that goal.

**Mr. President,**

It is with great dismay that Indonesia once again underlines Israel's unfaithfulness to its commitment to peace. Time and again, Israel has betrayed the trust of the international community, committing acts which undermine peace efforts.

The settlement policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is not only an affront to international law, but also limits the viability of an independent State of Palestine. Indonesia therefore joins other States in condemning the continuation of illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in East Jerusalem.

It is also perturbing to note that Israel's recent decision to release the second batch of 26 Palestinian prisoners was followed by another decision to expand settlements.

It is universally accepted that the settlements violate international humanitarian and human rights law. In this regard, and in the spirit of the latest Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories, Indonesia calls on all States to avoid involvement in settlement activities; and to prohibit their people, including business groups, from participation in such activities.

**Mr. President,**

We also feel dismayed by the continuing construction of the separation wall contrary to the ruling of the International Court of Justice that the wall violates international law.

We reiterate that the continued violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people is unacceptable. At this opportunity, we want to draw particular attention to the detention of hundreds of Palestinian children. As was reported by UNICEF in February this year, those children suffer systematic, widespread, and institutionalized ill-treatment.

Israel's continued blockade of Gaza has also led to further deterioration of the socio-economic situation.

These Israeli practices have carried on for many years despite the strong opposition of the international community. Indonesia therefore takes this opportunity to renew its call on the Security Council to take steps to compel Israel to stop its illegal actions, and to treat Palestine as an equal and respectable partner in the current negotiations.

Finally, **Mr. President**, in line with our commitment to opposing colonization and foreign occupation, Indonesia joins other States to demand Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Syrian Golan.

We would also like to use this opportunity to voice support of all Security Council resolutions which declare that all Israeli activities in the occupied Syrian Golan are illegal, and have no validity whatsoever.

I thank you.

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