



Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

622 Third Ave New York, NY 10017 www.Iran-UN.org Tel:+1(212)687-2020 Fax:+1(212)867-7086 E-mail: Iran@un.int

Message of H.E. Dr. Hassan Rouhani
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
on the occasion of

"the Observance of the International day of solidarity with the Palestinian people"
United Nations, 23 November 2015

In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

On the occasion of the solidarity day with the Palestinian people which is a reminder to the international community of its responsibility to assist the people of Palestine to achieve its basic national goal, I would like to, once again, extend the support of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the cause and aspirations of the oppressed people of Palestine.

Without any doubt, the question of Palestine has been one of the most important challenges for the international community in post-World War II. Over the past nearly 70 years, the suffering and injustice imposed on the people of Palestine by the Zionist regime has resulted in the creation of more than five million refugees. At the same time, the continuation of the occupation and the expansion of settlement in the West Bank are worsening the living condition of the people of Palestine on a daily basis.

Right now, Palestinians, both Muslims and Christians, are suffering from a situation which is tantamount to ethnic-cleansing. We all are witnessing measures taken by the Zionist regime which aims at Judaizing Palestine.

The Separation Wall has become the symbol of racism in the 21st century and the illegal and brutal blockade of Gaza Strip is victimizing the Palestinian civilians, particularly women and children. Attacks against Haram-al-Sharif by extremist Jews and Israeli military forces, including acts of sacrilege by them against the Al-Aqsa Mosque, are following the same pattern.



Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

622 Third Ave New York, NY 10017 www.Iran-UN.org Tel:+1(212)687-2020 Fax:+1(212)867-7086 E-mail: Iran@un.int

All these acts and measures are taken at a time when the United Nations, especially the Security Council as the UN body primarily responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, are not living up to their responsibility to put an end to this tragedy and fail to assist the Palestinian people to achieve their basic rights. While enjoying the support of few permanent members of the Security Council, the Zionist regime is continuing its inhumane acts against the Palestinians and as a result of its aggressive policies and practices in the Palestinian territory and the wider Middle-East, it threatens peace and stability in our region.

While expressing its full solidarity with the people of Palestine, the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that the solution to the question of Palestine requires a comprehensive approach, including addressing seriously the root causes of this crisis. My government is also of the belief that a durable peace is only achievable if any solution consists of realizing the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine, including an end to occupation, return of the Palestinian refugees to their homeland and establishing an independent Palestinian country with Al-Quds al-Sharif as its Capital.

Hassan Rouhani
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran