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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is an important occasion for us to reaffirm our support for the Palestinian people's struggle for 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations to the people of Palestine on the historic installation of the national flag of Palestine at the United Nations on September 30, 2015. It is a step towards Palestine becoming a Member-state of the United Nations, which India fully supports.

India's ties with the friendly people of Palestine are rooted in our common history. India has always stood by the Palestinian people in pursuit of their legitimate goals and their efforts aimed at economic and social development with dignity and self-reliance. India has been extending political and diplomatic support to Palestine bilaterally as well as at international fora. We also extend budgetary support and render assistance in capacity building and human resource development initiatives of Palestinian Government.

The President of India, H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee visited Palestine in October this year. This first ever state visit by an Indian President provided us an opportunity to reiterate our commitment to the Palestine and to review overall developments in the region. We remain hopeful that talks and Israeli-Palestinian negotiations will resume soon, leading to a comprehensive peace process and an amicable resolution of the conflict.

I take this opportunity to convey my greetings and best wishes to the friendly people of Palestine.

(Narendra Modi)

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