



Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives
to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Thank you Mr. President,

The Maldives has always strongly supported the right of the Palestinian people to an independent homeland; a land in which they can live in peace and prosperity, and can fully enjoy universal human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In order for that dream to be realized, it is imperative for the international community to intensify efforts to work with all sides in the Middle East to build a just and durable peace based on the establishment of a viable, sovereign and independent Palestinian State.

Until such a peace is realized, the Maldives calls on all concerned parties to respect international human rights law and to refrain from undertaking any action that might threaten the lives and rights of the civilian population.

Thank you.