



A Statement by the Embassy of the state of Palestine

Budapest – 14.11.2023: The Embassy of the State of Palestine is shocked and rejects the Hungarian vote against Resolution L.15, in the 78th session of the UN General Assembly, that condemns “Israeli settlements in the OPTs, including East Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan” which received a record vote of 145 in favor compared to only 7 voting against. This vote renders Hungary in a self-isolating position and excludes Hungary from the majority that adheres to international law obligations. Israeli settlements are illegal and imperil the viability of a two-state solution. This vote is inconsistent with Hungary’s official of supporting the two-state solution. Values, ethics, and International law obligations should not be overpowered by transient interests.

Recently, inappropriate remarks on Gaza City, denigrated the immense bloodshed of innocent Palestinians in Gaza, preceded by illegal siege and occupation, and showed unprecedented obliviousness to the history and culture of the 4000-year-old city. This city is an integral part of the land of Palestine, the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Gaza, has the third oldest church in the world, Church of St. Porphyrius, which was bombed by Israeli forces on October, 18th.

Israel, unceasingly, practices state terrorism and collective punishment of Palestinians. Therefore, describing this status quo de facto as self-defense is an appalling breach of international law and international humanitarian law .

It is a state sovereign right to regulate public acts; yet, declaring pro-Palestinian demonstrations as pro-terrorist rallies is a clear adoption of anti-Palestinian stigmatization, and a clear failure to provide equal platforms within domestic civic



space. Such declarations normalize Israeli vengeance-filled aggression on the Palestinian people.

The Embassy expresses deep disappointment with statements lacking explicit and unequivocal condemnation of Israeli military's deliberate massacring of more than 11,078 defenseless Palestinians, including 4,506 children. A child is a child, regardless of their color, religion, gender, ethnicity or nationality. It is worrisome, that Hungary did not express at least its sorrow for the loss of Palestinian lives and property, while Israel continues to attack infrastructure in Gaza, including, residential units, educational facilities, churches, mosques, healthcare centers, industrial facilities and media offices.

For the past two years, the State of Palestine and Hungary have significantly advanced their bilateral relations. This is a mutually valuable endeavor not to be hindered. The embassy hopes that Hungary will reflect and review its position and demands, like other EU member states, an immediate humanitarian truce, and provision of holistic aid to Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip in accordance with UN resolutions and international legitimacy.

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