

**MESSAGE OF H.E. MR. RECEP TAYYİP ERDOĞAN, PRESIDENT OF TÜRKİYE,
ON THE OCCASION OF “THE EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 75th
ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAKBA”**

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**Mr. Cheikh Niang
Chairperson of the Committee on the Exercise
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People**

Dear Mr. Chairperson,

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Nakba, I once again reiterate our strong support for the Palestinian cause, personally and on behalf of my nation.

I would like to express that we, as the Turkish Nation, stand by the Palestinian People against the occupation and injustice that has been going on for 75 years. I call on all members of the international community with a sense of law, conscience and justice, to stand together in this important day for the just cause of the Palestinian People.

Türkiye resolutely supports the ongoing efforts to ensure that the sovereign and contiguous State of Palestine, based on the borders of 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital, takes its place in the international community as a sovereign and equal member, on the basis of the established parameters of the United Nations,

The occupation, annexation and blockade policies against Palestine impede the establishment of peace in the Middle East and undermine efforts to make dialogue and reconciliation prevail.

The recent escalation of the incitements and provocative actions targeting our Palestinian brothers and sisters and the historical status quo of the Haram al-Sharif increases our concerns. The attacks by the Israeli security forces against the Muslims worshipping at the al-Aqsa Mosque during last Ramadan once again hurt the conscience of people all over the world. Such actions targeting the sanctity and status of our sacred places are unacceptable.

The expansion of illegal settlements in the Palestinian territories and the repeal of the law providing for the eviction of certain illegal settlements in the West Bank deepen the ongoing injustice and inequity. These attempts to alter and erode the demographic status of Palestine, at the same time, violate international law and jeopardize the vision of a two-state solution and the prospects for peace in the region.

We believe that all members of the international community, the United Nations first and foremost, should respect the established parameters and take concrete steps to ensure that Israel comply with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 (2016), which foresees the cessation of settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territories, and to prevent efforts to change the historical and legal status of Jerusalem.

Türkiye will continue to be one of the strongest defenders of the just cause of the Palestinian People, as it has always done until now.

On the occasion of today's commemoration event, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the work carried out by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and wish them success. I call on the international community to support our Palestinian Brothers and Sisters in their struggle, and I salute the Palestinian People affectionately with my most heartfelt feelings.

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