

October 2024

To all Member States and Observers

We, the member states signatories to this letter, express our deep concern with and condemnation of the recent statement from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel declaring the Secretary-General *persona non grata*. Such actions undermine the United Nations' ability to carry out its mandate, which includes mediating conflicts and providing humanitarian support. In the Middle East, this could further delay an end to all hostilities and the establishment of a credible path towards the two-State solution, with the state of Palestine and Israel living side by side in peace and security, in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions.

At times of heightened tension, the role of the Secretary-General is essential in fostering dialogue and understanding among conflicting parties. The Secretary-General plays a vital role in advancing the purposes of the United Nations as outlined in the Charter, including to maintain international peace and security, and develop friendly relations among states. His work remains crucial to ensuring dialogue, facilitating humanitarian efforts, and promoting peace and stability worldwide.

We reaffirm our full support and confidence in the Secretary-General and his work. We are confident of his commitment to peace and security, and alignment with International Law including in promoting respect for international humanitarian law, and the relevant United Nations resolutions regarding the situation in the Middle East. The Secretary-General's efforts reflect our shared desire for an end to violence and for meaningful dialogue in the pursuit of lasting peace in the Middle East. We urge all parties to engage constructively with the United Nations to seek a sustainable and just resolution through diplomacy

As member states of the United Nations, we call for respect for the UN's leadership and its mission. Constructive engagement with the United Nations is vital to overcoming the challenges we face and achieving a peaceful future. In this regard, we call upon all parties to avoid actions that could weaken the critical role of the United Nations in conflict resolution and, instead, to support initiatives that contribute to a peaceful and lasting solution of the crisis in the Middle East.

Sincerely,

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14. Burundi
15. Cabo Verde
16. Cambodia
17. Chile
18. China
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20. Costa Rica
21. Cuba
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23. Denmark
24. Djibouti
25. Dominican Republic
26. Ecuador
27. Egypt
28. Finland
29. France
30. Gambia
31. Greece
32. Grenada
33. Guatemala
34. Guyana
35. Haiti
36. Honduras
37. Iceland
38. Indonesia
39. Islamic Republic of Iran
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47. Kyrgyzstan
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49. Lebanon
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51. Liberia
52. Libya
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55. Madagascar
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59. Mauritius
60. Mexico
61. Mongolia
62. Montenegro
63. Morocco
64. Mozambique
65. Namibia
66. Nepal
67. Kingdom of the Netherlands
68. North Macedonia
69. Norway
70. Oman
71. Pakistan
72. Palestine
73. Philippines
74. Portugal
75. Qatar
76. Russian Federation
77. Independent State of Samoa
78. San Marino
79. Saudi Arabia
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87. St. Lucia
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89. Suriname
90. Sweden
91. Switzerland
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93. Tanzania
94. Tajikistan
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96. Trinidad and Tobago
97. Republic of Tunisia
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99. Turkmenistan
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101. Uzbekistan
102. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

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