

“Despite the historic injustice that has been inflicted upon our people, their desire to achieve a just peace which guarantees the achievement of their national rights in freedom and independence has not and will not diminish, and our wounded hands are still able to carry the olive branch from the rubble of the trees that the occupation uproots every day. Our people aspire to live in security, peace and stability on their Palestinian national soil to build the life and future of our generations. We are willing and ready to reach a comprehensive, just and lasting peace settlement, based on righteousness and justice and on the resolutions of international legitimacy and which leads to the withdrawal of Israel, the occupying Power, from all the Arab and Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, allowing for the State of Palestine and its people, with East Jerusalem as their capital, to enjoy independence and sovereignty and for peace to prevail in the Middle East as a whole.”

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