

From Assisi, the City of Peace, on this day, 29 November 2020, the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we call upon the Italian Parliament and Government to ensure that the Republic of Italy formally recognises the State of Palestine, with the goal of achieving a just peace between Palestine and Israel.

The State of Palestine, within the pre-1967 war borders and with a shared capital in Jerusalem, has already been recognised by 138 out of 193 UN member States, as well as by the Vatican. The formal recognition of the State of Palestine will put an end to the occupation, to isolation, to house demolitions and to the annexation of Palestinian land. The official recognition of the State of Palestine - and no longer its unilateral annexation by the State of Israel - will finally complete the overall political framework that is indispensable for establishing a just peace, putting an end to conflict over territory and delegating to the institutions of the two States the responsibility for guaranteeing peace, coexistence and security, with the concrete support and cooperation of the International Community..

Once the two States possess the same status they can enjoy mutual respect, autonomy and independence; and only then will they be able to sit around the negotiating table as equals, working together for the common and mutual good, thereby opening up the road towards reconciliation and peaceful coexistence.

This is the ultimate goal of the many resolutions adopted by the United Nations, a goal which today is reiterated by the UN Secretary General in his message for the 43rd International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Heeding this message, we undertake to strengthen our commitment to dialogue and exchange with the institutions in our own country, for we firmly believe that Italy must once again resume her role as a protagonist in the quest for a just peace, for peaceful coexistence, cooperation and security in the Mediterranean region and in the Middle East.



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