

**Message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi
on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
29 November 2016**

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, I reaffirm India's support for the cause of Palestine and solidarity with the Palestinian people for their struggle for a sovereign, independent, viable and a united State of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders, side-by-side and at peace with Israel, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

India will continue to support the development and nation-building efforts of Palestine by extending technical and financial assistance. India has been actively helping Palestine in its reconstruction process through various kinds of project assistance. India also contributes annually to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) fund. India has recently enhanced its contribution from US \$ 1 million to US \$ 1.25 million. Five projects are being undertaken in Palestine from the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Fund.

India reiterates its advocacy for a peaceful dialogue between Palestine and Israel and is hopeful for its early resumption.

On this important Day marking solidarity with Palestine, our best wishes will remain with the people of the State of Palestine on their journey in achieving the objectives of a just cause.
