

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP Prime Minister 10 Downing Street London SW1A 2AA

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Dear Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary,

## Re. UK recognition of a Palestinian state

We write to you in advance of the UN Conference co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia on the 28th-29th July in New York, to put on record our support for UK recognition of a Palestinian state.

We are expectant that the outcome of the conference will be the UK Government outlining when and how it will act on its long-standing commitment on a two-state solution; as well as how it will work with international partners to make this a reality.

Whilst we appreciate the UK does not have it in its power to bring about a free and independent Palestine, UK recognition would have a significant impact due to our historic connections and our membership on the UN Security Council, so we urge you to take this step.

British recognition of Palestine would be particularly powerful given its role as the author of the Balfour Declaration and the former Mandatory Power in Palestine. Since 1980 we have backed a two-state solution. Such a recognition would give that position substance as well as living up to a historic responsibility we have to the people under that Mandate.

This is a cross-party letter to show the support across the House for recognition of a Palestinian state. A two-state solution has been the cross-party consensus for decades.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 the House overwhelmingly moved the following motion: 'That this House believes that the Government should recognise the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel.'

That is still the position of the undersigned and we urge you to officially recognise the state of Palestine at the Conference next week.

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Yours sincerely,

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Anna Sabine MP Chris Kane MP

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Bobby Dean MP Dan Aldridge MP

Brendan O'Hara MP Daniel Francis MP

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Ellie Chowns MP Jo Platt MP

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Graham Leadbitter MP Josh Dean MP

Grahame Morris MP Josh Fenton-Glynn MP

Helen Maguire MP Josh Newbury MP

Henry Tufnell MP Julia Buckley MP

Ian Byrne MP Karl Turner MP

Ian Lavery MP Kate Osamor MP

Ian Sollom MP Kate Osborne MP

Imran Hussain MP Kenneth Stevenson MP

Iqbal Mohamed MP Kim Johnson MP

Irene Campbell MP Kirith Entwistle MP

James Asser MP Kirsteen Sullivan MP



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Lewis Atkinson MP Navendu Mishra MP

Lillian Jones MP Naz Shah MP

Liz Jarvis MP Neil Duncan-Jordan MP

Lizzi Collinge MP Noah Law MP

Llinos Medi MP Olivia Blake MP

Lorraine Beavers MP Olly Glover MP

Luke Murphy MP Pam Cox MP

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Samantha Niblett MP Terry Jermy MP

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Sarah Green MP Tom Morrison MP

Sarah Hall MP Tony Vaughan MP

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