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Palestinian Foreign Ministry Condemns US Ambassador Huckabee's Statements as Contradicting Religious and Historical Facts and International Law

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine has strongly condemned the statements made by the US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, in which he claimed that Israel has a “biblical right” to control the entire Middle East from the Nile to the Euphrates.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Ministry affirmed that these remarks contradict religious and historical facts, as well as international law, and contradict US President Donald Trump's declared position rejecting the annexation of the West Bank.

The Ministry stressed that these provocative and unacceptable remarks constitute an explicit call to violate states' sovereignty, and represent support for the Israeli occupation to continue its war of ethnic cleansing and displacement, and implement plans of annexation and racist expansion targeting the Palestinian people. The international community has rejected such actions, and has affirmed that the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, remain occupied Palestinian territory under international law.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs called on the US administration to adopt a clear and explicit position on the statements of its Ambassador to Israel, and to reaffirm President Trump's declared commitments to the pursuit of peace in the Middle East, the cessation of wars and violence, and the rejection of Israeli annexation of the West Bank – emphasizing that such remarks do nothing to help advance President Trump's vision for a lasting peace in the Middle East.

For more information, please contact the General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific.

