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Israeli illegal annexation plan for West Bank settlements, Jordan Valley and North of the Dead Sea

The new Israeli government recently unveiled its plans for the advancement of annexation of West Bank illegal settlements, the Jordan Valley and the Northern part of the Dead Sea, starting the annexation legal and political process in July 2020.

The news of Israel's annexation plan is enormously disappointing, not only to the Palestinian people but also to the majority of the international community, as it completely undermines any legitimate process towards a genuine and sustainable Two-State solution.

On 28 April, 2020 the United States Administration gave its support for Israel's plan which is, indeed, only made possible with its backing. It comes subsequent to Trump's so-called Peace Plan (Peace to Prosperity), which presents a swiss cheese like, so-called solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict. A recent statement by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, states that the plan for land annexation is an internal Israeli affair (in collaboration with the United States), and not a global, or even regional one. This is in continuation of Israel's blatant attempts at the procurement of Palestinian land, without any regard for a genuine dialogue and negotiation with Palestinians. Further, its blatant attempts are made more appalling by its deeply concerning need to swiftly and illegally annex Palestinian land, at a time when it should be more concerned with contributing towards a unified fight against a global pandemic. Instead, it attempts to so outrightly abuse and exploit the current situation for its own benefit.

The consequences of such actions would not only be catastrophic for any prospects for peace with Palestinians but would also undoubtedly severely threaten any prospects for advancements of peace and stability in the region and worldwide. It would also destroy any meaningful prospects for a Two-State Solution and genuine developments of the Middle East Peace Process. Not only would this immediately result in an apartheid system and put much of the West Bank under Israeli sovereignty, but it would be extremely dehumanizing to Palestinian people and in flagrant violation of their human rights as well as international law. The results of such actions would undoubtedly be shattering.



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Unquestionably, this plan is criticized and entirely denounced by not only the Palestinian government and Palestinian people, but by much of the international community. The European Union, OIC Group, Arab League, African Union, United Nations, United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, China, France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Ireland, Italy, and Norway have all made statements in response to this plan, rejecting it on the grounds of its illegality and contradiction of international law and United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

The General Delegation of Palestine to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific calls for the Australian Government to align its position on the Israeli illegal annexation plans with upholding its commitment in support of international law, United Nations Security Council Resolutions, and a just and sustainable solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict, of which illegal land annexation entirely undermines.

