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**STATEMENT BY YB MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPOKESPERSON OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF ISRAEL ON 17 JANUARY 2019**

1. I am deeply disgusted by the announcement made by the spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel on 17 January 2019 whom accused Malaysia of opposing the Olympic spirit and labelling our Prime Minister, YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad as anti-Semitic.
2. For more than half a century, Israel has continued to disregard the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, while committing inhumane policies and practices that are in clear violation of international laws. Israel has no right to talk about moral values when they themselves are the exact opposite.
3. I wish to reiterate that Malaysia has and will always be a staunch supporter of the Palestinian cause, underpinned by its long-standing commitment towards the restoration of Palestinians' rights and freedom.

**PUTRAJAYA**

**18 January 2019**