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ON THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS IN PALESTINE
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Malaysia welcomes the successful organization of the recent elections in Palestine in which the people of Palestine had the opportunity to express their will through a peaceful democratic process. I congratulate President Mahmoud Abbas for his leadership in this regard.

As the elections were conducted in the true spirit of democracy, and the results reflected the wishes of the Palestinian people, the international community should duly accept the outcome of the elections and respect the choice of the people of Palestine.

I wish to congratulate HAMAS for their success in the elections. I am confident that HAMAS will find it possible to accommodate other political parties in the political process and work towards establishing a government of national reconciliation in Palestine. The future of Palestine - in particular its stability, progress and prosperity - would depend upon the unity among all Palestinians and their commitment to finding peaceful solutions to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. In this matter, the people of Palestine deserves the full support of all peace-loving peoples throughout the world.

Malaysia calls upon all parties, especially those directly involved in the Middle East peace process, to work hand in hand to seek a lasting solution and establish a permanent peace in the region. In this regard, the process of negotiations in the context of the Roadmap for Peace in the Middle East should be reinvigorated.

Malaysia strongly believes that the objective of achieving an enduring peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through the process of dialogue and negotiations which are carried out in good faith. Malaysia wishes the new leaders in Palestine great success in their noble mission.

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