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### **Promoting the two state solution**

The Progressive Alliance meeting in Nepal on 29 th June 2018, held discussions on the recent development of the peace process in the Middle East, - Recalling its previous Statements of the Steering committee on December 7, 2017 on the decision of the US President Trump to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and the statement released on May 2, 2018 calling Israel to abide by its international obligations

Any future deal for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has to be in accordance with the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State of Palestine based on the June 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, guaranteeing security for Israel and Palestine, and reaffirms its commitment, in accordance with international law, to bringing a complete end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian state that started in 1967 in order to achieve the two- state solution, as two sovereign and democratic states for all their citizens and a just and agreed upon by both sides solution to the issue of Palestinian refugees on the basis of the UN resolution 194.

We encourage the international community to meet its responsibility to bring an end to the occupation of the Palestinian State, to lead to a two state solution and a peace agreement between both sides.

The Progressive Alliance members reaffirm their commitment to:

- Support the immediate unconditional recognition of the State of Palestine based on the borders of the 4th of June 1967 with East Jerusalem as its capital;
- Support a total end of all settlement activities including in East Jerusalem, the immediate end of destruction of homes and to end all forms of discrimination;



- Encourage the non-violent approach at all levels and by all parties.
- We call to end administrative detentions;
- we call for serious investigations of the violent clashes and attacks on civilians from both sides;
- we condemn the illegal blockade of the Gaza Strip by Israel. We call the Israeli Government to lift immediately the siege on the Gaza Strip. This would be a major step to lower tensions and violence and to prevent major humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We call also on Egypt to take responsibility to ease the situation in Gaza by a responsible border regime;
- The Progressive Alliance further calls on the US administration to refrain from taking unilateral actions with regard to the Israeli Palestinian conflict such as moving its embassy to Jerusalem and the decision to withdraw from the Human Rights Council. An ultimate deal is such that would be embraced and supported by both peoples and their legitimate elected leadership;
- Progressive Alliance stands in solidarity with the progressive forces in Israel and Palestine, including Human Rights defenders and civil society organizations. We are in support of these forces for a peace agreement between both sides - which is needed urgently.