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Dear all,

## **RECOGNITION OF PALESTINE**

Thank you for your letter of 30 July.

As you will appreciate, I am unable to respond directly as to whether I have advised His Majesty's Government on the question of Palestinian statehood. This is because, in accordance with the Ministerial Code, the Government does not make public whether Law Officer advice has been sought, let alone the contents of any advice.

I can however confirm that the Government intends to comply with international law in all its relevant dealings including in respect of the recognition of foreign states. The Government considers that recognition, in the circumstances recently outlined by the Prime Minister, would be entirely in accordance with international law. As you will be aware, the state practice of now over 75% of UN members has been to recognise a Palestinian state.

This Government has long been committed to recognising a state of Palestine. As our election manifesto said, Palestinian statehood is the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and is also essential to the long-term security of Israel.

Together with our allies, we are working on a long-term plan to secure peace in the region as part of a two-state solution, and ultimately achieve a brighter future for Palestinians and Israelis. First we need an immediate ceasefire and release of all the hostages, and that is why we are urging both sides to engage in good faith in negotiations. The plan is centred on creating the conditions for a lasting peace in Gaza, as the basis for a wider process to find a long-term political solution in the Middle East. This includes ensuring that Hamas has no role in the future of Gaza and that it commits to disarmament.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

Kind Regards,

**RT HON LORD HERMER KC**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**