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MOTION FOR RESOLUTION

Concerning the recognition of the State of Palestine,

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

LADIES, GENTLEMEN

The signatories call upon France to recognize the State of Palestine alongside the State of Israel.

The President of the Republic on August 28, 2014, recalled the aim of our diplomacy: “A democratic and viable Palestinian state living alongside the State of Israel in security”. Our motion for resolution is anxious to strengthen the diplomatic action of our country, to bring an end everywhere to words of hatred and to contribute to the achievement of peace in the Near East.

In the name of the unalienable right to self-determination, the Palestinian people is entitled to establish a state for itself. In 1947, resolution 181 of the General Assembly of the United Nations stipulated that “the independent Arab and Jewish states... will start to exist... on October 1, 1948 at the latest”. Yet the consequences of the ensuing war and then the successive conflicts have been to delay the recognition of the Palestinian State.

After the armed confrontations of 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973, the two parties had negotiated, as of 1991, a compromise which was welcomed by the international community. The Oslo Agreement, signed in 1993, opened the door to mutual recognition of the two states which accepted co-existence established in the framework of peace, security and dialogue.

This agreement was never applied. Since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin in November 1995, the infernal cycle of violence has escalated. The number of Israeli settlements, particularly around Jerusalem, has increased to the extent of compromising the very existence of a viable Palestinian State. The political stalemate has strengthened the radicals on both sides and the Israeli and Palestinian civilian populations have paid a heavy price for such violence. The signing, on August 26, 2014 of yet another ceasefire between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza has not prevented a dangerous upsurge in violence. Attacks have been carried out against Israel's territory and against its civilian population. Those who commit such attacks and who inflame them and exploit them, prolong the suffering of their peoples. The reciprocal recognition of the states of Israel and of Palestine will contribute to bringing them to an end. It is the fundamental condition for peace and democracy in this part of the world.

The deadlock in the negotiations represents a source of instability and has a dangerous effect upon peace in the entire region. The recognition of the Palestinian State must be accompanied by a much-needed and immediate return to negotiation. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and for International Development, Laurent Fabius, has proposed a timely change of method with the perspective of an international

conference. We throw our support behind this approach which should be followed by the setting-down of a deadline for the negotiations and should associate the Arab states of the region. This recognition, which must be accompanied by guarantees for the security of Israel, will only make sense if it reinforces and mixes the ideas of law and peace.

Strengthened by its commitment in favour of international law and by the strong friendship which links France with the Israeli and Palestinian peoples, our country must retake the initiative and lead our partners of the Quartet, including the European Union, in a fresh dynamic. The voices which call for a breakthrough in the peace process, especially those in Israel or in Palestine, must not remain unanswered.

France, since the presidency of François Mitterrand, has always spoken in clear and sincere language with both its Israeli and Palestinian friends. It was honoured to vote, in 2011, in favour of full Palestinian membership of UNESCO and then to say “yes” to the accession of Palestine to the status of non-member observer state of the UN in November 2012. Remaining faithful to this historical and balanced position, the signatories of this current motion for resolution display their attachment to an immediate resumption of the negotiations which should lead to a definitive resolution of the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION

Single article

The National Assembly,

Having regard to article 34-1 of the Constitution,

Having regard to article 136 of the Rules of Procedure,

Affirms its wish to contribute to the international effort for peace in the Near East;

Recognizing the desire of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples to live in peace and security;

Recognizing the failure of the attempts by the international community to re-launch the peace process which was established in 1991 between Israelis and Palestinians;

Recognizing the threats to the two-states solution and in particular the illegal continuation of the policy of settlement in the Palestinian territories which compromises the very viability of a Palestinian State, despite the institutional powers provided to the Palestinian Authority and the recognition which was granted to it by the General Assembly of the United Nations;

Recognizing the rise in tensions in Jerusalem and in the West Bank which threaten to engender a new cycle of damaging violence for all the populations of the region;

1. Underlines that the *status quo* is untenable and dangerous in that it fans the frustrations and the increasing distrust between the two parties;

2. Underlines the necessity for a speedy resumption of negotiations between the two parties on the basis of clear parameters and a definite timetable;
3. Asserts the urgent necessity to reach a definitive resolution of the conflict allowing for the establishment of a democratic, sovereign State of Palestine, in peace and in security, alongside Israel, on the basis of the lines of 1967, with Jerusalem as the capital of these two states. This would be founded on mutual recognition;
4. Asserts that the two-state solution, consistently put forward by France and the European Union, implies the recognition of the State of Palestine alongside that of Israel;
5. Calls upon the French Government to recognize the State of Palestine with a view to gaining a definitive resolution of the conflict.