Statement of delegation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the United Nation General Assembly plenary meeting on the question of Palestine

Mr. President,

We thank the United Nations Secretary General for his report on Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine. We also thank the members of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People for their report.

My country expresses its serious concern on the continuing violations and conflict in Palestine, its occupied territories, including East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, and in the whole region. Developments there do not allow speaking about any improvement and mitigation of the situation.

We condemn the rocket launches by Hamas and the disproportionate use of force by Israel in densely populated areas leading to the loss of life of hundreds of innocent civilians from both sides. We are very much concerned on continuing violation of human rights, suffering of civil population, particularly the vulnerable groups.

It is lamentable that many years of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians with the strongest involvement of the whole international community have not brought any concrete results. The persistence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict continues to threaten regional and international peace and security, the negative implications of which are not confined just to this region but are felt well beyond and across the globe.

The ultimate goal of the efforts of all parties involved should be the restoration and promotion of the peace processes in all directions. All parties of the Middle East conflict must fulfill their commitments with increased responsibility and accountability. We commend internal Palestinian reconciliation process, and consolidation of the Government of Palestine efforts to alleviate the situation.

Kazakhstan expresses its hope that international actions, including those of the United Nations Secretary-General, would contribute to the cease-fire and the resumption of further peace talks. My delegation commends the work of the UNRWA.

My country reiterates our recognition of the legitimate right of the Palestinian people for self-determination, the creation of an independent State of Palestine within the 1967 borders, peacefully co-existing with Israel, and for obtaining the full-fledged membership of the United Nations. The two-state solution is the only viable option for a durable peace reached through direct and
meaningful negotiations towards a comprehensive, fair and lasting solution, including an end to occupation, an end to conflict. We call therefore on Israeli and Palestinian leaders to show wisdom, responsibility and political will to reach a historic peace agreement that would meet the legitimate aspirations of their peoples.

Mr. President,

Kazakhstan is very much alarmed with the overall situation in the Middle East. The well coordinated international efforts need to be applied to stop senseless bloodshed, to find a political solution with the participation all parties involved and with their voices and concerns heard. We have to try our best to restore peace and stability in the region, to get rid of destabilizing factors, provide appropriate peaceful conditions for return of refugees and restoration of economies to the political crisis with its dramatic security, human rights and humanitarian consequences.

In conclusion we again urgently call on all parties, especially those having real political power and influence to commit their political will to ensure lasting peace and security in the Middle East, and freedom and justice for all people through a genuine multilateral approach.

Thank you!