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**Statement by H.E. Dr. Mohammad Mustafa, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, United Nations Summit of the Future (23 September 2024)**

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 2015, we gathered for the historic adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the most ambitious, transformative plan of action for building a prosperous, equitable, and sustainable world. More importantly, this Agenda is centered on human dignity and shared prosperity in a just world where no one is left behind.

Unfortunately, recent years have seen a surge in economic, political, climate, and humanitarian crises deepening marginalization of vulnerable communities. If not addressed, these crises will undermine our multilateral systems and put us farther away from realizing the goals set in the 2030 Agenda.

With the Pact of the Future, we have an opportunity to reverse this dangerous trajectory by rebuilding trust in international institutions and paving the way for a future of peace, justice, and sustainable future for all.

Given the immense challenges we face, we must swiftly come together as governments, international development institutions, private sector, and civil society to find innovative solutions and undertake urgent, coordinated actions, in line with international law, to uphold shared responsibilities towards our peoples and planet.

Mr. President, Excellencies,

In the State of Palestine, while striving to play a positive role in response to global challenges, we are regrettably further burdened by Israel's illegal occupation and aggressions in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem. For over 76 years, our people have been forced to endure multiple man-made catastrophes that have directly undermined our efforts to achieve justice, peace, and prosperity.

As I speak before you, our people in Gaza are enduring one of the darkest chapters in modern history. For nearly a year now, Israel's genocidal war has caused unprecedented loss and suffering and humanitarian catastrophe. At the same time, our people in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, continue to face systematic threats driven by the escalating settlers' violence, military raids, movement restrictions, and financial siege withholding of Palestinian tax revenues.

All of this, perpetrated in breach of the Charter and international law, threatens the future of the Palestinian people.

The international community must act urgently to stop this Israeli aggression on our people and bring an end to its illegal occupation, in line with international law and relevant UN resolutions. This is the only way forward to ensure full realization of Palestinian rights to self-determination and independence and a peaceful, secure future for all in our region.

Excellencies,

Despite long years of oppression and occupation, our people remain steadfast. We firmly believe that human capital is our greatest asset, and are thus committed to enhancing performance of our institutions, ensuring effective governance and service delivery, and creating an enabling environment where every Palestinian has the means to survive and thrive in peace and stability.

The remarkable resilience of our people, even in the face of ongoing atrocities, renews our confidence that they will heal and rise from this tragedy. Palestine has demonstrated social resilience at the national level, with our communities standing strong in unity and perseverance. It is now our collective duty to stop the aggression and to expand this resilience beyond the social sphere, into our economy, infrastructure, and all areas of development. We must ensure that Palestine is equipped to cope, adapt, and transform in the face of diverse challenges, preparing ourselves not only to withstand future challenges but also to build a stronger, more resilient nation.

Central to this goal must be a “Just Transition”, an essential framework in the 2030 Agenda. As proven in the past, Palestine can achieve economic growth and sustainable development, but this time we must ensure their pursuit is just, fair, and inclusive, ensuring every citizen benefits equitably, guaranteeing a prosperous, sustainable future for all.

Let us act together, with the global solidarity and cooperation inherent to the 2030 Agenda and Pact for the Future to overcome the challenges threatening humanity. Let us remain faithful to the principles we have affirmed in this Summit by restoring hope to future generations, including the Palestinian people who must not be left behind.

Thank you.