

**AHLC Ministerial Meeting**  
**Statement by Foreign Minister Iwaya**  
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- I wish to convey my profound respect for the continued efforts of the Government of Norway and in particular my friend, Foreign Minister Eide, in hosting the AHLC meeting.
- As co-chairs of the working group on “the Economic Viability of the Palestinian state” at the high-level conference on the two-state solution, Japan and Norway have engaged in close consultations with many UN member states and international organizations.
- We are delighted that a number of our proposals on economic and financial stabilization have been incorporated in the "New York Declaration", which was recently endorsed by the General Assembly.
- One of the main issues our working group has been addressing is the serious fiscal crisis facing the Palestinian Authority. Japan has decided to join the Emergency Coalition, which aims to address this issue led by France, Norway, Saudi Arabia and Spain. Japan will continue to further strengthen its cooperation with the international community.

- The establishment of the AHLC in 1993 was prompted by the Oslo Accords, which was materialized that year thanks to Norway's invaluable contribution.
- With Israel and Palestine recognizing each other, the hope for a two-state solution grew significantly among the peoples.
- However, the current situation could undermine the very foundation of a two-state solution, and we view this with a profound sense of urgency.
- Japan has strongly urged Israel to bring an immediate end to the serious humanitarian crisis and to cease all unilateral actions, including steps toward the annexation of the West Bank.
- At the same time, Japan firmly believes that supporting the reform efforts of the Palestinian Authority is indispensable to the realization of a two-state solution.
- Since October 2023, Japan has provided approximately 230 million US dollars in assistance to Palestine, and we have recently decided to provide an additional 10 million dollars, including food aid and health sector support.

- In parallel, Japan has provided a range of capacity-building support to advance Prime Minister Mustafa's "Build Palestine" initiative, which aims at fostering state-building.
- Moreover, in order to encourage economic autonomy of Palestine, we are also promoting distinctive projects such as the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity".
- Yet, the capability of any single nation is limited. For this reason, Japan has also focused on expanding the circle of international support.
- In 2013, we established the Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD) to mobilize the resources, knowledges, and expertise of economic development of East Asian countries in supporting Palestine's state-building efforts.
- In July this year, I had the honor of co-chairing a CEAPAD ministerial meeting with Palestine and Malaysia, where we adopted Action Plan to further broaden such support.
- As the only Asian member of the AHLIC, Japan is determined to actively support Palestine, while

serving as a bridge between partners across the international community.

● Thank you for your attention.