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**Urgent request: UK must recognise Palestinian statehood unconditionally and use all diplomatic levers available to uphold international law**

Dear [MP Name],

I am writing to you to ask you to urgently support the unconditional recognition of Palestinian statehood. Despite the welcome announcement that the UK intends to recognise Palestine by the UN General Assembly in September, I am dismayed that the government appears to be using the inalienable right of Palestinian self-determination as a bargaining chip, while failing to use the other diplomatic levers it has available. There needs to be both a ceasefire **and** a Palestinian state.

The Foreign Secretary has rightly condemned Israel’s actions as “intolerable”, but the requisite action has not followed. A partial suspension of arms sales, delays on trade talks and limited sanctions are far from the full extent of the pressure the UK can bring to bear on Israel in the face of the man-made mass starvation now unfolding in Gaza. The UK must immediately impose further sanctions and implement a full arms embargo on Israel.

The Labour government committed in their manifesto to recognise Palestine alongside international partners as a contribution to a political process. I would like to echo the call of [over 50 British former senior diplomats](https://una.org.uk/letter-prime-minister-calls-uk-recognise-palestinian-statehood-4) who have urged that Palestinian self-determination and statehood are not only non-negotiable but essential elements in practice for any viable and just peace process.

**As my MP, I am asking you to urge the UK Government to support the immediate, unconditional recognition of Palestinian statehood and for the UK to use all diplomatic leverage available to bring about a ceasefire and uphold international law.**

Please act and:

* Urge the government to unconditionally recognise the State of Palestine
* Call for a full arms embargo to Israel and imposing of sanctions
* Advocate for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, lifting of aid blockades, and the release of all hostages and arbitrarily detained individuals.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

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