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Your Majesty, President Al Sisi, Secretary General of the United Nations, Excellencies, dear colleagues.

Thank you very much, Your Majesty, for convening this meeting at such a crucial moment. Eight months after the beginning of the conflict, the situation is more critical than ever. I do not need to remind this room of the tragedy that keeps unfolding not far from where we stand.

I would like to start by welcoming the adoption of the UN Security Council resolution 2735 last night supporting the United States proposal for a ceasefire.

For months, we have called for an immediate ceasefire, the access of humanitarian assistance and the release of hostages.

Now we call Hamas and Israel to act in a responsible manner and seize the new opportunity in front of us, which is the result of the endless and commendable efforts of the United States, Qatar and Egypt.

We must increase the pressure for a ceasefire to be agreed.

Moreover, urgent action to deliver a humanitarian response for Gaza is needed, so let me outline three proposals on what we should do together.

First, we must significantly increase humanitarian assistance and aid flows to Gaza and we must make sure that it can enter the Strip and reach those in extreme need.

In 2023, my country Spain tripled its support to Palestine. It amounted to over 50 M€, including humanitarian and development funding, and our commitment to Palestine will continue and intensify through 2024.

I am pleased to announce that Spain will mobilize this year an additional package of 16 M€ in support for Palestine.

We will also support the Mechanism established by the UN Security Council Resolution 2720 to increase humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In this context, I would like to reiterate Spain's firm support to the United Nations. Specially, we need to maintain or even increase our support to UNRWA, which must be fully operational in Gaza. Its work is more essential now than ever before.



Second, we have to defend compliance with international law.

Gaza's humanitarian catastrophe is seriously undermining international law, international humanitarian law, the multilateral system and the rules-based international order.

The parties must comply with the provisional measures issued by the International Court of Justice, which call for a halt of the military offensive over Rafah and ask for unhindered provision of humanitarian aid.

These provisions are legally binding for every member of the international community. However, it is evident that they are not being respected. In this context, Spain has decided to take part in the proceedings initiated by South Africa in the International Court of Justice.

International law must prevail.

Third, development aid should also support the Palestinian Authority.

Humanitarian action, early recovery and reconstruction of Gaza are different phases of a process that we enhance here today, and that must ultimately contribute to a Palestinian State and the implementation of the two State solution.

Excellencies,

Spain, Ireland, Norway and Slovenia recognized the State of Palestine over the past two weeks. It is not a symbolic gesture and it is certainly not against Israel. A Palestinian State is the best security guarantee for Israel and for the region.

Exactly two weeks ago, I stood in front of Spanish citizens to explain that peace, justice and coherence are the basis of our historic decision.

Today I stand in front of you convinced that our peoples expect from us that we all, collectively, advance towards concrete results and actions to stop the suffering in Gaza and build a future of peace in the Middle East.

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