



## Press Release

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### Reversal of Recognition of West Jerusalem

The General Delegation of Palestine to Australia welcomes the Australian Government and Senator Penny Wong's affirmation that Jerusalem is a final status issue that must be resolved through negotiations between Palestine and Israel.

The reversal of the Morrison Government's recognition of West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is a step in the right direction towards the effective implementation of the two-state solution and achieving a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

It should be noted in this context that East Jerusalem is an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem in 1980 claiming a "complete and united" Jerusalem as its capital was a flagrant violation of International Law and has been condemned as such by multiple United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions.

It is our hope that the current Australian Government will recognize the State of Palestine without further delay to save the two-state solution, in accordance with International Law and relevant United Nations resolutions.

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