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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/56/582)]

### 56/142. The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* that the development of friendly relations among nations, based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, is among the purposes and principles of the United Nations, as defined in the Charter,

*Recalling* the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>1</sup> the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples<sup>3</sup> and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling also* the Declaration on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations,<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling further* the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>6</sup>

*Expressing hope* for an immediate resumption of negotiations within the Middle East peace process on its agreed basis and for the speedy achievement of a final settlement between the Palestinian and Israeli sides,

*Affirming* the right of all States in the region to live in peace within secure and internationally recognized borders,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right to their independent State;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the Palestinian people will soon be exercising their right to self-determination, which is not subject to any veto, in the current peace process;

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 217 A (III).

<sup>3</sup> Resolution 1514 (XV).

<sup>4</sup> A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

<sup>5</sup> See resolution 50/6.

<sup>6</sup> See resolution 55/2.

3. *Urges* all States and the specialized agencies and the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to support and assist the Palestinian people in their quest for self-determination.

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