“Announcement of a new settlement in Palestine”

Brazil received with concern the announcement by the Israeli government of the construction of a new settlement in Palestine, the first in more than 20 years, and urged Israel to respect its commitments under international law. Settlements in Palestine are illegal and represent an obstacle to a two-state solution and a just and lasting peace.

While deploring the expansion of settlements, Brazil reiterates its defense of the two-state solution to the conflict, with Israel and Palestine living in peace and security, on internationally recognized and mutually agreed borders.”

I would be very grateful if the above press statement be published in your contact directory.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador

Representative of Brazil to the State of Palestine