

## The Situation in the Gaza Strip

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The Spanish Government is dismayed by the large number of demonstrators killed and injured today in the Gaza Strip joining those who have mobilised in recent weeks, and urgently calls for restraint by all actors, who must avoid any action in the coming days that will cause more casualties amongst the civilian population. The Spanish Government urges the Israeli Government to use proportionate force.

The Government supports Israel's legitimate aspirations to live in safety, and the Palestinians' aspirations for a state of their own, and believes that a two-state solution, Israel and Palestine, living side by side within secure borders, is the best way to meet those aspirations. It therefore considers it urgent that peace negotiations be resumed so that both parties, with the support of the international community, can agree on such a political solution.

The Government reaffirms that the status of Jerusalem should be a central issue in these negotiations and therefore confirms its intention not to relocate its Embassy in Israel in compliance with UN resolutions, particularly Security Council Resolution 478.