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Statement on the status of Jerusalem

Malta disagrees with the unilateral declaration made by the President of the United States on Jerusalem. Malta expresses its deep concern and firmly reiterates its position that the future status of Jerusalem must be mutually agreed upon by means of meaningful peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Malta maintains, in the strongest of terms, its support for the 'Two-state solution', which calls for the State of Israel to have West Jerusalem as its capital, and the State of Palestine to have East Jerusalem as its capital, and through which both states would live side by side in peace, security, and mutual recognition.

In this context, actions which undermine prospects for the 'Two-state solution' and exacerbate instability in the region must be avoided.