

# **STATEMENT OF THE QUARTET**

**30 March 2006**

The Quartet recalled its statement of January 30 and its call for the new Palestinian government to commit to the principles of nonviolence, recognition of Israel, and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the Roadmap.

The Quartet welcomed President Abbas' call for the new Palestinian government to commit to a platform of peace and, having carefully assessed the program of the new government approved on March 28, noted with grave concern that the new government has not committed to the principles spelled out on 30 January.

The Quartet recalled its view that future assistance to any new government would be reviewed by donors against that government's commitment to the principles outlined above. The Quartet concurred that there inevitably will be an effect on direct assistance to that government and its ministries.

The Quartet encouraged continued humanitarian assistance to meet the basic needs of the Palestinian people. The Quartet noted in that context the importance of improved movement and access.

The Quartet reiterated its commitment to the principles outlined in the Roadmap and previous statements, and reaffirmed its commitment to a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict leading to two democratic states living side by side in peace and security.