

Secretary-General's remarks to the media at Yasser Arafat Museum

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When visiting this museum, there are of course many emotions and many feelings, but the most important of them is the feeling of the suffering of the Palestinian people. Since many years, when in different capacities as Prime Minister of Portugal and as president of an international political organization, I was following very closely the peace processes in its hopes and in its frustrations.

I have a dream, a dream to see in the Holy Land two states: A Palestinian state and Israeli state, living together in peace and security, in mutual recognition and allowing for this kind of suffering not to be possible anymore.

Whatever I can do as Secretary General of the United Nations to support what I believe is necessary - a serious political process aiming at creating the two state solution and at the same time a serious process to improve the living conditions of the Palestinian people, everything that I will be able to do, I feel deeply motivated to do my best.

Thank you very much.

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