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Your Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa; Jerusalem;

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The Embassy of the State of Palestine to the Holy See would like to congratulate you on your new appointment as Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem as announced by His Holiness Pope Francis.

The importance of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem for Palestine has been demonstrated throughout the years since 1847 with solid institutions, priests, nuns and a community committed with the principles of a just and lasting peace. We expect to continue this historic engagement, vision and mission through your wisdom. Your decades of hard work for the benefit of the Catholic's church role and message in the birthplace of Christianity should serve as an encouragement to move ahead and contribute with the efforts to bring justice and peace in the Holy Land. Efforts to turn illegally annexed Jerusalem into an exclusive city for the benefit of one side is a real threat for this task of Justice and for sustaining a viable and dynamic city and maintain its mosaic. Jerusalem should be the spiritual center of the three monotheistic religions and that the people of faith would live in respect and harmony. The statement by the Heads of Churches on Jerusalem in 2006 reiterates this vision.

The Embassy of the State of Palestine to the Holy See wishes you success and avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest respect and consideration.

Ambassador Issa Kassissieh

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To H.E. Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem Jerusalem