

**Statement of H.E. Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh,
Prime Minister of the State of Palestine,
at the meeting of Heads of States and Governments
on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
in the era of COVID-19 and beyond,
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Prime Minister Trudeau, Prime Minister Holness,
Secretary General Guterres

The State of Palestine aligns itself with the
statement delivered by Guyana on behalf of the
G77 and China.

This pandemic is a threat to human life and to our
-economic impact

will outlast the virus. While developed countries
are in some cases more severely hit by the
pandemic itself, there is no doubt that developing
countries will be the ones suffering most from its
socio-economi igh Level

Political Forum, we called for more financing for

development. This pandemic only makes our calls more pressing.

We were preparing for a decade of action to achieve the SDGs when the pandemic came to undermine what we had already achieved, deepening inequalities within and between countries, causing the poor to become poorer and women to become more vulnerable. But we cannot allow it to derail our efforts. That is why any response to the impact of this pandemic on our

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vulnerable countries and peoples in vulnerable situations.

The State of Palestine, in cooperation with the private sector and civil society, spares no effort to translate the SDGs into reality, including by addressing social and regional inequalities, as well as the health and socio-economic impact of the pandemic. These efforts are carried out despite opening political, economic and financial challenges. While international aid continues to shrink, Palestine suffers from the fact that it has no national currency, no access to the

This is a time for solidarity not selfishness, and this initiative, including the menu of policy options it has helped develop, embodies our collective will to address together this global threat, through national and international action. For this action to succeed, those doing better must help those struggling to cope. This is true within our respective countries