

Firstly, I share the frustration and disappointment expressed by many at the lack of progress on the Middle East peace process. I believe a two-state solution that recognises the importance of security and stability, and guarantees a viable and secure future for both Israelis and Palestinians, must remain the goal of the international community. Over the last Parliament I have raised the issues of settlements, Palestinian child prisoners and human rights regularly with Foreign Secretary Johnson via written representations. I have also supported my colleagues Emily Thornberry, Shadow Foreign Secretary and Fabian Hamilton, Shadow Minister for the Middle East in debates on such issues in the chamber.