

In terms of the ongoing situation in Palestine and Israel, I have always been clear that I believe it is imperative that this terrible conflict and its causes are brought to an end. Having met with both Palestinian and Israeli leaders on fact finding trips to the region, I am all too aware that the road to peace is a difficult one and that there are no easy nor quick solutions.

I passionately believe that there exists the capacity to end this conflict and to realise a durable two state solution which establishes peace and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. The whole world needs to work with both parties. I voted for the recognition of the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel in Parliament in 2014 to support that process, and with that in mind as a contribution to securing the negotiated two state solution.

It is essential we also support other nation states in the region in ensuring this peace process can be upheld to achieve a two state solution. If re-elected on the 8th June I will continue to work to ensure the UK plays an active role in promoting peace and human rights in the region.