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I am a passionate supporter of an independent Palestinian state and would very much welcome recognition by the next Labour government. A two-state solution based upon the 1967 ceasefire is critical for broader peace in the Middle East.

It's very important that recognition of a Palestinian state goes beyond mere symbolism. The UK government should help facilitate Palestinian membership of international organisations and also allow the Palestinians to collect and spend their own tax revenue. The current situation where the Israeli government receives these tax receipts first and then chooses whether or not to give them back to the Palestinian authority is unacceptable.