

4.18 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade the Chief Minister regarding the formal recognition of the UK Government of the Palestinian State (OQ.220/2025):

Further to the decision by the U.K. Government on 21st September 2025 to formally recognise the Palestinian state, will the Chief Minister advise whether the Government of Jersey support this decision and the comments made by the U.K. Prime Minister in condemning the attacks by Hamas and the actions by Israel in Gaza and the call to lift unacceptable restrictions on aid?

Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter (The Chief Minister):

Members will be aware, under the terms of Jersey's constitutional relationship, that matters of foreign affairs are aligned with those of the United Kingdom. That said, the people of Jersey, like so many around the world, have been deeply affected by the continuing conflict in the Middle East and by the suffering it has caused. The Government of Jersey recognise and respect the United Kingdom's recent decision to recognise the state of Palestine, alongside its clear condemnation of the terrorist attacks by Hamas, its criticism of the actions of the Israeli Government in Gaza and its call to lift the unacceptable restrictions on aid. The U.K., as Members will know, have formally recognised Palestine in order to protect the viability of a 2-state solution and create a path towards a lasting peace for the Israeli and Palestinian people, and that is the position this Government support.

4.18.1 Deputy J. Renouf:

I take it from that answer that the Chief Minister will reinforce that the creation of a Palestinian state remains a key part of a long-term peace in the Middle East, noting that it is also included as an aspiration in the plans announced yesterday overnight?

Deputy L.J. Farnham:

I think my original answer was clear. It comes on the back of a recent letter I sent to the Foreign Secretary. We note the emergence of a peace plan. We are not aware of the detail yet but, as I said, our position under our constitutional position is to remain aligned with the U.K. Government.