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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister,

Many congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister. You take office at a difficult time for the Palestinian people. Rapid and sustained work will be needed to carry through the reforms necessary to create our shared goal of a viable Palestinian State. My Government continues to emphasise to Israel that it too must play its full part.

Britain is committed to working for a peaceful resolution of the present conflict, with the goal of Palestinian and Israeli states living side by side in peace and security. This will best be achieved through implementation of the Quartet *Roadmap in its current form as soon as possible*. We are ready to do whatever we can to help all parties reach a settlement.

I look forward to working closely with you in the months and years ahead. I hope that you will find an opportunity to visit London soon. I should be very glad to welcome you here.

Yours sincerely,
Tony Blair

His Excellency Mr Mahmoud Abbas