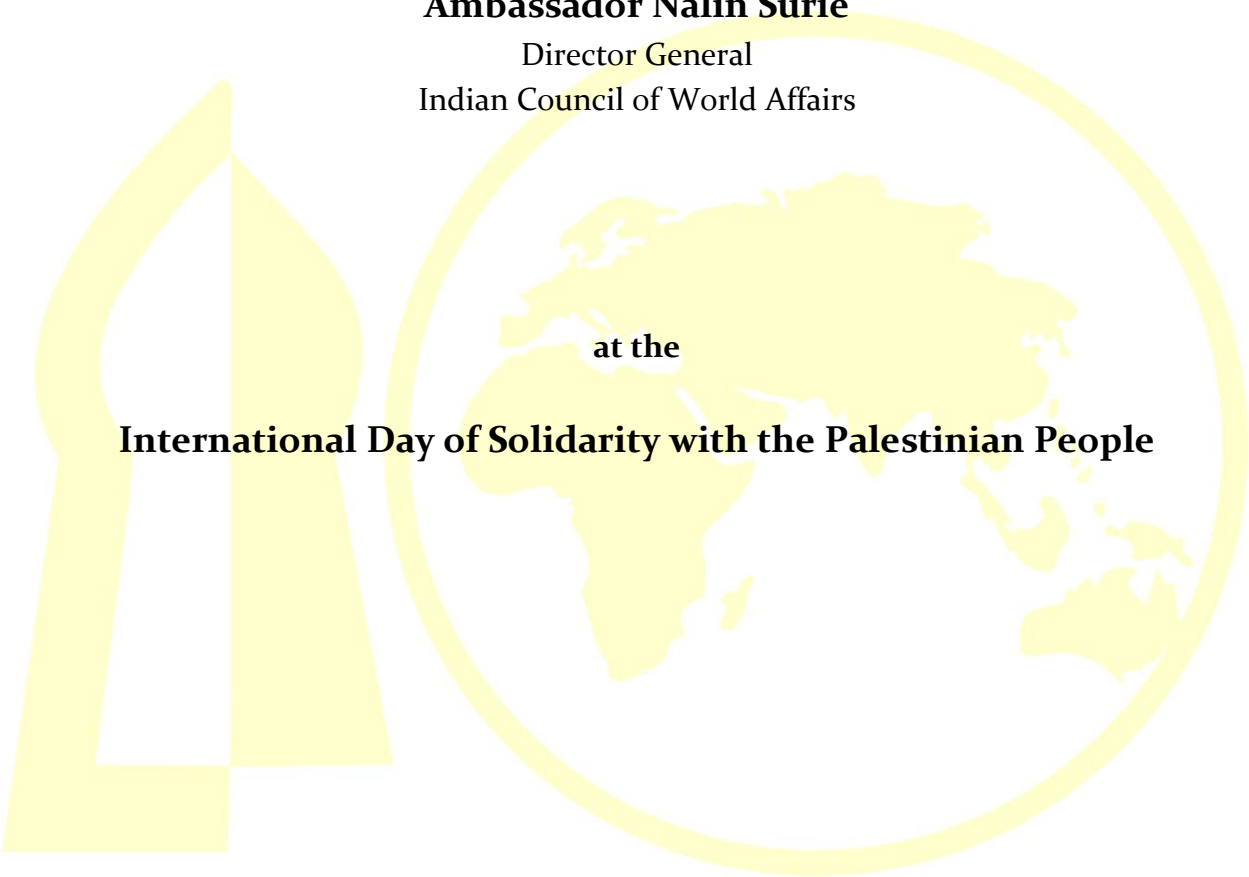


# **Welcome Remarks**

by

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at the  
**International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

at

**Sapru House, New Delhi**  
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The Council is privileged to once again host the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

India's support for the Palestinian people and their cause is historical and extends to our pre-independence days. India was one of the first countries to recognize the State of Palestine in 1988. India has been steadfast in its support for the Palestinian people.

India and its people have and will continue to support the Palestinian cause. Let me recall in this context Prime Minister Modi's message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, this year.

He said: *"I reiterate India's steadfast support for the Palestinian cause. We hope for early realization of a sovereign, independent, united and viable Palestine, co-existing peacefully with Israel."*

He went on to state that:

*"India hopes for early resumption of dialogue between the Palestinian and Israeli sides to move towards finding a comprehensive negotiated resolution."*

With these brief remarks let me welcome you all to Sapru House for this important commemorative occasion.

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