**MINISTRY**

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 **REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTTEN REPLY**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**889. Mr Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of International Relations and Coopreation**: “Whether the (a) Government still intends to downgrade South Africa’s mission to Israel and (b) two state solution to the Israel – Palestine conflict remains the South African policy; if not why not; if so, what are the relevant details. NW1056E

**REPLY**:

1. The Government of South Africa remains seized with the modalities in respect of the downgrading of the South African Embassy in Israel. The Department will communicate further actions upon the conclusion of our deliberations; and

1. The Government of the Republic of South Africa remains of the view that the only way to realise a lasting peace in the Middle East Peace Process, is to ensure a two-state solution for Palestine and Israel with a sovereign, internationally recognised and independent State of Palestine, based on the 4 June 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, within recognised and secure borders.