

Comment by Dr. Cheddi Jagan

I do not share the view of the US administration that the Arab World has a responsibility for finding a home for the Palestinians.

The place of the Palestinian Arab people is not in another Arab state, but in their own homeland, from which they have been driven out by Israeli aggression and Zionist expansionism.

The United Nations and all progressive mankind have repeatedly declared that the Israelis must withdraw from all occupied Arab lands, including the West Bank and Gaza, <sup>Strip</sup>. But the Israelis have continuously rebuffed these resolutions and declarations.

The United States must share responsibility for Israeli's intransigence. It has supplied Israel with the most modern, sophisticated weapons. It reached a "strategic" accord with Israeli which has given that country the green light to attack nuclear reactors in Iraq, to legally incorporate the Golan Heights and Jerusalem, and to launch a genocidal war on Lebanon.

The United States has repeatedly used its veto in the UN Security Council to prevent condemnation of, and sanctions against, Israel.

The US administration must accept its responsibility to the peoples of the Middle East and the whole world. It must use its power and influence to stop Israeli aggression and to ~~force~~ <sup>force</sup> it to withdraw from Lebanon. And for a lasting solution, the USA must recognize the PLO and restore the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people for a return to their homeland.

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