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Open Letter on the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration (1917 to 2017)

Dear Prime Minister,

The 2nd November 2017 sees the centenary of the Balfour Declaration. We note that in your statement of December 2016 you pledged to celebrate the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration 'with pride'.

We draw your attention to the following excerpt from the Balfour Declaration of 1917:

'it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine'

We urge you to acknowledge that not all UK citizens accept that the Balfour Declaration should be 'celebrated'. In fact, we believe the centenary should be commemorated, an apology made to the Palestinian people for the broken promises made in the declaration and discussions commenced urgently to put right the great injustice imposed on Palestinians as a consequence of the Balfour Declaration.

We would like to point out a few facts:

- Balfour made promises to the Zionist leaders about land that he did not own;
- Senior Cabinet colleagues in 1917 were opposed to the plan;
- Parliament was not consulted on such a major decision.

We therefore request that you, as Prime Minister, apologise to the Palestinian people on behalf of the British Government and British people.

Yours sincerely,

The Palestine Museum and Cultural Centre, Bristol