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The State of Palestine and its people grieve at the loss of Ramsey Clark, former U.S. attorney general; a politician and human rights defender, a hero who had the courage to stand up against the blanket of support for Israel in the U.S. when no other politician would. A true friend to the State of Palestine, a defender of our cause and our people.

Ramsey Clark stood by our side during crucial battles as he became the lead attorney against the case which aimed to shut down the PLO Observer Mission to the United Nations in 1989 – a case which he valiantly defended, a case which under his courage and leadership we won. Because of Ramsey Clark and other lawyers, our Mission to the United Nations remained open.

A renowned international human rights attorney, a deeply committed man to our cause and to the cause of the injustice of the Palestinian people; Ramsey Clark will be sorely missed.

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