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**The Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel**

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political \_\_\_\_\_ was shaped. [...]

Impelled by this historic and traditional attachment, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient \_\_\_\_\_. In recent decades they returned in their masses and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture, loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, bringing the blessings of progress to all the country's inhabitants, and aspiring towards \_\_\_\_\_ nationhood. [...]

The catastrophe which recently befell the Jewish people - the \_\_\_\_\_ of millions of Jews in Europe - was another clear demonstration of the urgency of solving the problem of its homelessness by re-establishing in Eretz-Israel the Jewish State, which would \_\_\_\_\_ the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the community of nations. [...]

This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State. [...]

Accordingly we, members of the People's Council, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish Community of Eretz-Israel and of the Zionist Movement, are here assembled on the day of the termination of the British Mandate over Eretz-Israel and, by virtue of our natural and historic right and on the strength of the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, hereby \_\_\_\_\_ the establishment of a Jewish state in Eretz-Israel, to be known as the State of Israel. [...]

aspiring - aufstrebend

attachment – hier: Zugehörigkeit

by virtue of – aufgrund von

confer – jmd. einen Titel verleihen

fate – Schicksal

impelled - angetrieben

recent – jüngst, kürzlich

strove – past tense von to strive: sich bemühen

termination – Ende, Ablauf

thriving – blühend, florierend

urgency - Dringlichkeit