

**READOUT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION WITH HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON**

The Secretary-General, who is in Japan, spoke by telephone with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Friday morning Japan time/Thursday early evening New York time.

The Secretary-General and Secretary Clinton discussed the Middle East peace process and efforts to move to direct talks. They also discussed the role of the Quartet in the peace process. The Secretary-General briefed Secretary Clinton on his recent conversations with leaders in the region.

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