

## **Excerpts from the Noon Briefing by Stephane Dujarric, Spokesman for Secretary-General António Guterres**

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The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by yesterday's announcement by the Israeli Security Cabinet that it has decided to authorize nine settlement outposts in the occupied West Bank.

If these measures are implemented, they would further undermine prospects for a viable two-State solution. He reiterates that all settlements are illegal under international law and a substantial obstacle to peace.

He calls for unilateral actions that erode the prospects for a political solution on the basis of United Nations resolutions, international law and bilateral agreements to stop.