



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Mr. Robert Serry on the resignation of Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad**

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The United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Robert Serry, met today with Prime Minister Fayyad to express on behalf of the United Nations appreciation for his achievements. "Prime Minister Fayyad has not only been an interlocutor I personally hold in the highest esteem, but also a valuable partner for the international community, including the United Nations", Serry said.

The United Nations recognizes that Prime Minister Fayyad had to contend with circumstances that kept constraining the success of the statebuilding agenda he led together with President Abbas and which is now – in the absence of a credible political horizon – at serious risk.

The United Nations remains committed to working with its Palestinian partners, under the leadership of President Abbas, towards development, state-building and to achieve the long-overdue negotiated two-state solution.

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