

Readout of the Secretary-General's meeting with H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine

The Secretary-General met today with H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine.

The Secretary-General and President Abbas agreed on the importance of moving the Middle East Peace Process forward and underlined their shared commitment to the two-state solution as the only viable option to sustainable peace.

The Secretary-General expressed his concern about the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and the funding shortfall of the UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) programmes. He stressed the importance of continued humanitarian and development assistance to the Palestinian people from the international community.

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