



**Statement by Robert H. Serry,
United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
On Gaza Materials**

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United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry welcomes the measures announced today by the Government of Israel as important steps in the right direction. He hopes that these measures will stimulate commercial activities and allow a substantial increase in the amount of construction materials to enter the Gaza strip.

The United Nations expects to significantly increase its efforts to address the vast needs in Gaza. Mr. Serry said, “This can only be the beginning of the long road towards reconstruction and a functioning economy in the Gaza Strip. The United Nations stands ready to expand and accelerate its work in Gaza, including addressing chronic shortages of housing, education, water and sanitation and health facilities.”

Mr. Serry looks forward to continued discussions on exports to stimulate the Gazan economy and on the easing of restrictions on the movement of Palestinians in and out of Gaza.

The UN will continue to work with all parties for a durable solution to the grave humanitarian and human rights situation in Gaza and for the security of all in Gaza and Israel.

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