Statement of Robert Serry, UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, on the attack on a mosque in the West Bank on 4 May 2010

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I am deeply concerned at a fire service report that a blaze in a mosque on 4th May in the village of Lubban al Sharqiya in the West Bank was probably arson.

There have been a number of attacks upon mosques in recent months, as well as violence against Palestinian property and individuals by extremist settlers. I condemn these attacks. It is vital that the Israeli Government impose the rule of law and that those responsible for such crimes are brought to justice.

Extremists from either side must not be allowed to set the agenda and undermine the vital efforts to renew negotiations.