

**Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General - on
Algiers Declaration by Palestinian groups**

The Secretary-General welcomes the signing on 13 October of the Declaration of Algiers by 14 Palestinian factions as a positive step towards intra-Palestinian reconciliation. He encourages all factions to overcome their differences through dialogue and urges them to follow up the commitments included in the Declaration, including the holding of elections.

The Secretary-General underscores the importance of Palestinian reconciliation for a politically stable, economically viable, sovereign and independent State of Palestine.

The Secretary-General greatly appreciates the efforts to this end of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and, notably, of President Abdelmajid Tebboune.

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