

**Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General
On Israel/ Gaza – Cessation of Violence**

The Secretary-General welcomes the announced Israel/Gaza Cessation of Violence.

The Secretary-General hopes that these efforts will both provide security and an easing of the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and end rocket and mortar attacks against Israeli targets. He also hopes that this cessation of violence will lead to a controlled and sustained opening of the Gaza crossings for humanitarian and commercial purposes. The Secretary-General looks forward to all sides acting with care and responsibility in ensuring that this cessation of violence endures.

The Secretary-General congratulates Egypt on its persistent efforts to achieve calm through this agreement.

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