

Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General

Settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory

The Secretary-General has noted with deep concern the recent decision of the Government of Israel to approve further construction in settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory. Such actions and all settlement activity are contrary to international law and the Roadmap. The Secretary-General urges Israel to respond positively to the important efforts underway to create the conditions for effective Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and reiterates his call on Israel to stop all settlement activity, including natural growth, and dismantle all outposts erected since March 2001 in the occupied Palestinian territory.

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