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## Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the agreement to release hostages in Gaza

The Secretary-General welcomes the agreement reached by Israel and Hamas, with the mediation of Qatar supported by Egypt and the United States. This is an important step in the right direction, but much more needs to be done.

The United Nations will mobilize all its capacities to support the implementation of the agreement and maximize its positive impact on the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General New York, 22 November 2023