Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, on the Postponement of the Meeting of the Palestine National Council

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“I note the decision announced by Palestine National Council (PNC) Chairman, Salim Zanoun to postpone the meeting of the PNC. This shows leadership and wisdom in giving adequate time for consultation with all factions in preparation of a regular session, which should strengthen unity and chart the way forward.

I welcome this inclusive approach, given the necessity of convening a regular session of the PNC.

I urge all Palestinian leaders and factions to seize this opportunity to take constructive steps towards achieving genuine Palestinian unity on the basis of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) principles, and to strengthen the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. This would be an important step forward towards ending the occupation and realizing a just and lasting solution on the basis of two states -- Palestine and Israel, living side-by-side in peace, security and mutual recognition”.

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