

**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Mr. Robert Serry, on the decision by the Government of Israel to bar Foreign Ministers entrance to the West Bank**

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Jerusalem 5, August 2012. I regret the decision by the Government of Israel to bar the Foreign Ministers of Bangladesh, Cuba, Indonesia and Malaysia access to the West Bank to attend the extra-ordinary meeting of the Non-Aligned Movements Committee on Palestine on 5 August, in Ramallah.

Denying the Palestinian Authority the ability to engage with members of the International Community in Area A, is yet another step that contradicts the credibility of the Oslo arrangements, which affirm the Palestinian right of self-government. I call upon the Government of Israel to reconsider its decision.

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