



**Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator  
for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Robert Serry  
on the abduction and killing of an IDF soldier**

**21 September 2013**

The Special Coordinator condemns the abduction from central Israel and killing in the West Bank of an off duty Israeli soldier by a Palestinian individual, who reportedly confessed the crime.

This shocking murder follows a series of violent incidents in the West Bank.

The Special Coordinator has emphasized the need for calm on the ground which is all the more important at this critical moment in the political process. He therefore reiterates his call on all to refrain from violence and avoid loss of life.

ENDS