



**Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Tor Wennesland, on the ceasefire in Gaza and Israel**

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“I welcome the announcement of a ceasefire in Gaza and Israel.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of life and injuries, including children and women, from Israeli airstrikes in Gaza and the indiscriminate firing of rockets toward Israel by Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other militant groups. Deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the violence and their loved ones.

I commend Egypt for its efforts to help restore calm. I call on all sides to observe the ceasefire.

I look forward to the immediate restoration of humanitarian access and all social and economic measures to support Palestinian livelihoods in Gaza.”

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