



**Statement by UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Tor Wennesland, on Israeli settlement announcements**

Jerusalem, 24 October 2021

“Today, the Israeli authorities announced tenders for the construction of more than 1,300 housing units in the occupied West Bank.

I am deeply concerned by continued Israeli settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. I reiterate that all settlements are illegal under international law, remain a substantial obstacle to peace, and must cease immediately.”

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