



Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Robert Serry following his remarks at a “One Voice” event

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At the invitation of the “One Voice” movement, Special Coordinator Serry addressed an informal meeting at Tel Aviv University on Monday, 11 March. The Special Coordinator discussed regional developments, the situation on the ground, and the urgent need to achieve the two-state solution. Mr. Serry then took a number of questions from the audience. One question pertained to the reported appointment of the Minister of Housing to the new Israeli Cabinet. The Special Coordinator regrets that his response to the question was reported in the “Maariv” newspaper in a way that is factually wrong. Mr. Serry does not and did not comment on domestic Israeli politics. In his remarks, Mr. Serry made it clear that his interlocutor is and will be the Government of Israel as a whole, and what matters is what policies that Government will carry out, including with regard to settlement activity. Mr. Serry notes reports that a coalition agreement is soon to be signed and looks forward to working with the incoming Government of Israel.

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