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**Statement by Robert H. Serry
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On Mount Carmel Fire**

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I am deeply saddened by the ongoing fire on Mount Carmel in northern Israel and the reported deaths of 41 people. This is a terrible tragedy. I convey my deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and have extended my condolences to the Government of Israel. The United Nations is actively engaged in assisting to mobilize support from Member States, some of which have already deployed assets to help those currently fighting the fires.