



**Statement from the Spokesman of Robert H. Serry,
United Nations Special Coordinator following the attack upon the Erez Crossing Point,
Gaza**

For immediate release

Jerusalem, 22nd May 2008 - We condemn the suicide attack on the Erez crossing point by Palestinian militants. Incidents of this kind are totally unacceptable. They also act against the interests of the population of the Gaza Strip, because aid workers and medical cases must pass through Erez.

We are extremely concerned about the implications of attacks of this nature on our operations.

We call upon those responsible in Gaza to ensure that incidents of this kind as well as continued rocket attacks upon Israel cease.

For its part, the Government of Israel must ensure that the IDF operates with care and restraint ensuring its actions are in full conformity to international humanitarian law.

A calming and easing of the situation in Gaza and Southern Israel is essential and the UN supports current efforts in this regard.

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