
New York, 12 August 2010 - Statement Attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General's Panel of Inquiry on the 31 May Flotilla Incident

The Panel convened in New York for two full days on 10 and 11 August. Its members met with the Secretary-General who outlined the nature of the task he envisaged for them. The Panel began its substantive discussions on how it will conduct its work. It also met with UN secretariat bodies to ensure that administrative arrangements and support are either in train or have been established. The discussions were conducted with good cooperation and in a positive atmosphere. The members of the Panel will meet together again in early September. The Panel will strive to produce for the Secretary-General an interim report on 15 September.