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## **New York, 23 May 2010 - Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on the vandalism of an UNRWA summer games facility in Gaza**

The Secretary-General condemns the act of vandalism by intruders against an UNRWA summer games facility for children in Gaza. UNRWA's extensive summer games programmes offer a rare opportunity for relief from the deprivations and difficulties of everyday life in Gaza. This action is an attempt to intimidate and harm the most defenceless in Gaza. The Secretary-General calls upon the de-facto authorities to ensure the safety of the UN's operations and to allow UNRWA to carry out its work unhindered.