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PRESS CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE UPDATE
ON SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION'S AGENDA

General Assembly President Joseph Deiss (Switzerland) briefed the press at Headquarters today on a wide range of topics, covering his recent travels on behalf of the world body and highlighting his meetings with political groupings and Government officials on matters, such as Security Council reform, global governance and support for the least developed countries.

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Mr. Deiss went on to point out that General Assembly resolution 181 of 1947 already provides for the creation of two States — one Arab and one Jewish — at the end of the British Mandate in Palestine. "The General Assembly cannot take the initiative, but we are ready to do our work, based on any recommendation from the Security Council," he said, adding that he was holding "very intensive" conversations to ascertain "whether this momentum exists or not". Hopefully, the situation would become clearer in June or July, he said.

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