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SECRETARY-GENERAL LAUNCHES INQUIRY BOARD TO EXAMINE DEATHS, INJURIES AT UNITED NATIONS PREMISES DURING 50-DAY GAZA WAR

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General has established an internal and independent United Nations Headquarters Board of Inquiry into certain incidents that occurred in the Gaza Strip between 8 July and 26 August 2014.

The Board will be led by Patrick Cammaert (The Netherlands) and includes as its other members Maria Vicien-Miburn (Argentina), Lee O'Brien (United States), Pierre Lemelin (Canada) and K.C. Reddy (India). It will review and investigate a number of specific incidents in which death or injuries occurred at, and/or damage done to, United Nations premises. The Board will also review and investigate incidents in which weapons were found to be present on United Nations premises. The Secretary-General expects that the Board will enjoy the full cooperation of all parties concerned.

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