



**Press Release**

**Special Coordinator Mladenov meets Palestinian Prime Minister Hamdallah**

**Jerusalem, 15 April 2015 - The United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Nickolay Mladenov encouraged by the Palestinian Government commitment to assume its rightful responsibilities in Gaza.**

“I am encouraged by my meeting with Palestinian PM Hamdallah and the commitment of his Government to assume its rightful responsibilities in Gaza, including on the control of the crossings as well as civil service reform and integration. The UN stands ready to support any constructive effort in this regard,” Mr. Mladenov said following his first meeting with PM Hamdallah.

“The UN remains committed to supporting the reconstruction of Gaza. With the advent of a number of large scale housing and infrastructure projects, it would be important for Israel and all stakeholders to work together and accelerate the entry of construction materials,” the Special Coordinator added.

“I use the opportunity to also call for the full release of withheld tax revenues, in line with the Paris Protocol,” he concluded.

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