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**New York, 27 September 2010 - Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on Israeli Settlement Activity**

The Secretary-General recalls the Quartet statement of last week which reflected the united call of the international community urging Israel to extend the settlement restraint policy. He is disappointed that no such decision has yet been taken and concerned at provocative actions taking place on the ground. He reiterates that settlement activity in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, is illegal under international law, and urges Israel to fulfill its Roadmap obligation to freeze settlement activity. The Secretary-General supports ongoing efforts to find a way to continue peace talks in an environment conducive to progress. This is the only route to a viable Palestinian state living in peace with a secure Israel.