UN team visits occupied Palestinian territory to formulate humanitarian action plan

9 October – Aiming to respond to the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, a United Nations technical assessment mission, comprised of experts from a range of fields, arrived in Jerusalem today.

Members of the team, led by UN Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator Ross Mountain, will spend the next 10 days in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza before producing a humanitarian plan of action for the occupied territories.

The mission will also follow up on <u>recommendations</u> made by the Secretary-General's Personal Humanitarian Envoy, Catherine Bertini, who visited the region in mid-August.

The technical assessment mission includes senior staff from the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO) and other key operational agencies.