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Introduction

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Middle East

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The Council continued to consider the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, on a monthly basis, in particular with monthly briefings by the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and regular debates. The Council called on Israelis and Palestinians to rapidly resume peace negotiations.

On 4 August 2010, the Council agreed on a statement to the press, welcoming the United Nations Panel of Inquiry on the flotilla incident of 31 May 2010. At the time of writing, the report of the Panel had not been submitted to the Secretary-General. Council members heard a briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, on the situation in the Middle East and the Palestinian question on 17 August. He emphasized that, for negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians to succeed, the parties should adhere to their road map commitments.

The Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, Roberterry, briefed the Council on 17 September. He called for support for the revived dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and reiterated the Quartet's request for Israel to freeze all settlement activity in accordance with the road map. On the Secretary-General's Panel of Inquiry on the flotilla incident, the Special Coordinator explained that the Panel had submitted an initial progress report to the Secretary-General. In the consultations that followed, many Council members called for an extension of the settlement moratorium, which was due to expire on 26 September 2010, and for the lifting of the restrictions on access into Gaza.

On 18 October, the Council held an open debate on the situation in the Middle East and the Palestinian question, and heard a briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs. He stressed the need to overcome the impasse in the talks between Israelis and the Palestinians, since there was no alternative to an negotiated settlement to achieve peace after the expiration of the moratorium. Having heard statements by the Permanent Representative of Israel and the Permanent Observer for Palestine, the Council members called upon the parties to restart negotiations and to make compromises for a two-State solution for durable peace and security.

The Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs briefed the Council on 23 November and expressed his concern about the diplomatic impasse since the end of the settlement moratorium. He encouraged more sustainable financing for the Palestinian Authority's state-building plan. Council members called on Israel to halt settlement activities and to ease restrictions on access to Gaza, and seconded the Under-Secretary-General's condemnation of the rocket fire from Gaza into Israel.

On 14 December, the Special Coordinator briefed the Council and highlighted the failure of negotiations on Israeli settlement activities. On Gaza, he mentioned the restrictions on access and on freedom of movement. The Special Coordinator and Council members welcomed the resumption of at least indirect peace talks. After a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs on 19 January 2011, the Council held an open debate on a draft resolution on the Israeli settlement policy. Council members criticized the continued settlement activity. On 18 February, the Council was unable to agree on a draft resolution; while 14 members voted in favour, 1 member cast a veto.

The Council heard a briefing by the Special Coordinator on 24 February. Council members shared his concern regarding the stalemate in the Middle East peace

process. He described the lack of trust between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and suggested a stronger role of the Quartet to revive the peace process. The Council was briefed again on 22 March by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs. He reiterated the urgency of overcoming the impasse in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

On 21 April, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs briefed the Council. He called on both parties to be concerned that the political track was falling behind the significant progress made by the Palestinian Authority in its state-building agenda. In the open debate many speakers urged a return to negotiations that would tackle the core issues and allow the establishment of a Palestinian State as state-building efforts reached completion. Many speakers saw the current period as critical, as the end of the Palestinian Authority's two-year state-building period coincided with international statements that had projected a negotiated settlement by September.

On 19 May, the Special Coordinator briefed the Council on the Middle East situation, including the Palestinian question. He focussed on the events of 15 May in the Golan Heights and on Palestinian reconciliation. In subsequent consultations of the whole, Council members voiced concerns about that incident. On 23 June, the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs briefed the Council, and underlined the urgent necessity for both parties to return to the negotiation table. This view was echoed by Council members in subsequent consultations. Many Council members expressed hope for a more constructive engagement of the Quartet.

On 26 July, the Council held an open debate on the situation in the Middle East, chaired by the State Minister at the German Foreign Office, Werner Hoyer, during which it heard a briefing from the Special Coordinator. He described the gap between the progress made in Palestinian state-building and the political deadlock. Having heard statements by the Permanent Representative of Israel and the Permanent Observer for Palestine, Council members called upon the parties to restart negotiations and to make compromises for a two-State solution for durable peace and security.

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Part I

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Meetings of the Security Council held during the period from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>Subject</i>
6372	17 August 2010	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6388	17 September 2010	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6404	18 October 2010	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6430	23 November 2010	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6448	14 December 2010	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6470	19 January 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6477	8 February 2011	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security European Union
6484	18 February 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6488	24 February 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6501	22 March 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6520	21 April 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6540	19 May 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6562	23 June 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question
6590	26 July 2011	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

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Reports of the Secretary-General issued during the period from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date submitted</i>	<i>Subject</i>
S/2010/484 and Add.1	17 September and 4 October 2010	Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine
S/2011/91	28 February 2011	Fifteenth report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006)
S/2011/258	19 April 2011	Thirteenth semi-annual report on the implementation of resolution 1559 (2004)
S/2011/406	1 July 2011	Sixteenth report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006)

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Part II

Questions considered by the Security Council under its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security

Chapter 1

Items relating to the situation in the Middle East

A. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Meetings of the Council

6372 (17 August 2010); 6388 (17 September 2010); 6404 (18 October 2010); 6430 (23 November 2010); 6448 (14 December 2010); 6470 (19 January 2011); 6484 (18 February 2011); 6488 (24 February 2011); 6501 (22 March 2011); 6520 (21 April 2011); 6540 (19 May 2011); 6562 (23 June 2011); 6590 (26 July 2011)

Consultations of the whole

17 August; 17 September; 4 and 23 November; 14 December 2010; 8, 17, 18 and 24 February; 8 and 22 March; 8 April; 19 May; 23 June 2011

Reports of the Secretary-General

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Date submitted</i>	<i>In response to</i>
S/2010/484 and Add.1	17 September and 4 October 2010	General Assembly resolution 64/19

Communications dated from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011

S/2010/414	2 August 2010	Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council
S/2010/440	20 August 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/441	20 August 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/445	23 August 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/448	23 August 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Lebanon to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/455	26 August 2010	Letter from the representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General
S/2010/467	31 August 2010	Letter from the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to the Secretary-General
S/2010/459	1 September 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/477	14 September 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/483	16 September 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/489	17 September 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

S/2010/505	1 October 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/515	8 October 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/533	15 October 2010	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2010/535	15 October 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/553	21 October 2010	Letter from the representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the Secretary-General
S/2010/558	28 October 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/559	28 October 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Tajikistan to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/578	10 November 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/590	19 November 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/612	2 December 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/623	9 December 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/652	21 December 2010	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2010/673	29 December 2010	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/6	7 January 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/9	11 January 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/51	13 January 2011	Letter from the representative of Guyana to the Secretary-General
S/2011/23	17 January 2011	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2011/25	18 January 2011	Letter from the representative of Tajikistan to the President of the Security Council
S/2011/42	28 January 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/49	1 February 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/65	9 February 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/79	18 February 2011	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2011/80	18 February 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/90	23 February 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/103	28 February 2011	Letter from the representative of the Russian Federation to the Secretary-General
S/2011/113	4 March 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

S/2011/136	12 March 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/144	16 March 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/148	18 March 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/162	19 March 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/173	22 March 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/176	23 March 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/224	5 April 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/227	7 April 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/229	8 April 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/231	10 April 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/259	18 April 2011	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council
S/2011/280	2 May 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/304	13 May 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/308	16 May 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/310	16 May 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/315	17 May 2011	Identical letters from the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/322	19 May 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/331	31 May 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/343	6 June 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/357	8 June 2011	Letter from the representative of Malaysia to the Secretary-General
S/2011/378	21 June 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/414	6 July 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/430	14 July 2011	Identical letters from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/439	19 July 2011	Identical letters from the observer of Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/445	20 July 2011	Identical letters from the observer of

		Palestine to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council
S/2011/444	21 July 2011	Letter from the observer of Palestine to the President of the Security Council

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IV

Communications from the President of the Security Council or the Secretary-General during the period from 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011

Items relating to the situation in the Middle East		
The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question		
S/2010/414	2 August 2010	Letter from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

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