
New York, 21 September 2011 - Readout of the Secretary-General's meeting with H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, held on the margins of the 66th General Assembly

The Secretary-General and Prime Minister Netanyahu discussed the status of the Middle East peace process and other regional developments. The Secretary-General reiterated his support for a Palestinian State, living side by side in peace with a secure Israel. He reiterated his belief that negotiations were the only path for a sustainable resolution of all final status issues. The Secretary-General urged the Prime Minister to act with responsibility, wisdom and restraint towards the Palestinian approach to the United Nations. He emphasized the need for historic decisions on both sides at this critical moment.

He also stressed the need for further measures to lift the closure of the Gaza Strip in line with Security Council resolution 1860 (2009).