



**Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
Nickolay Mladenov, on advancement of settlement units in the occupied West Bank**

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“The Israeli authorities approved over the past two days the advancement of some 2,400 housing units in settlements in Area C of the occupied West Bank.

The expansion of settlements has no legal effect and constitutes a flagrant violation of international law. By advancing the effective annexation of the West Bank, it undermines the chances for establishing a Palestinian state based on relevant UN resolutions, as part of a negotiated two-state solution.

It must cease immediately and completely.”

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