

“UN ENVOY CALLS ABBAS ANNOUNCEMENT
‘ A LOUD AND CLEAR WAKE-UP CALL ’”

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UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry called on Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas today in Ramallah. After the meeting, Mr. Serry said:

“I conveyed to President Abbas the Secretary-General’s strong support for his leadership. But it is clear that this precious asset is now in jeopardy. I believe President Abbas’ announcement last week is a loud and clear wake-up call.

I repeat the Secretary-General’s call for a freeze on all settlement activity. Either we go forward decisively to a two State solution in accordance with Security Council resolutions, or we risk sliding backwards.”