



**Statement by Saskia Ramming, Spokesperson for Mr. Robert Serry,
United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process,
on a humanitarian pause for Gaza**

Jerusalem, 17 July 2014

In response to queries, I can now confirm that Mr. Serry received confirmation from the Government of Israel that a humanitarian pause will commence today, 17 July, at 10:00 a.m., for the duration of 5 hours, ending at 03:00 p.m. Mr. Serry appreciates this Israeli decision and repeats his call on Hamas and other factions to respect the humanitarian pause from their side, in the interest of the people of Gaza.

Mr. Serry reiterates the importance of arriving at a durable ceasefire understanding, also addressing underlying issues in Gaza, as soon as possible. The United Nations, together with other international actors, will continue to support efforts in this regard.

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