



**PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF H.E PRESIDENT MAHMOUD
ABBAS AND UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE MIDDLE
EAST PEACE PROCESS ROBERT SERRY**

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Today the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Robert Serry met with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Ramallah and discussed issues of shared interest, including the need for meaningful peace talks, the internal Palestinian situation, and particularly the situation on the ground. In this context, there was a focus on the issue of Palestinian prisoners. The Special Coordinator reiterated the concern of the United Nations, as expressed by the Secretary-General yesterday. President Abbas and Mr. Serry both agreed on the urgency of resolving this issue immediately, and the President expressed his appreciation for the United Nations contribution in this regard.

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