<u>Guterres voices 'disappointment and alarm' after latest Israeli settlement announcement</u>

31 March 2017 — United Nations <u>Secretary-General</u> António Guterres today reiterated his support for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, voicing concern about the latest decision to build a new settlement in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

“The Secretary-General took notice with disappointment and alarm of the decision by Israel to build a new <u>settlement</u>, ” according to a statement from his spokesman.

“He condemns all unilateral actions that, like the present one, threaten peace and undermine the two-state solution, ” the spokesman added.

The UN and the international community have for years urged the establishment of a Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security.

Mr. Guterres today reiterated the call adding that “that there is no Plan B.”

The settlement noted also that settlement activities are illegal under international law and present an obstacle to peace.