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Second follow-up to the report of the United Nations
Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 64/254 of 26 February 2010. On 27 May 2010, the Secretary-General sent notes verbales to the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations, drawing their attention to the relevant provisions of resolution 64/254, and requesting written information by 12 July 2010 concerning any steps that may have been taken or were in the process of being taken in relation to their implementation.
I. Introduction

1. The present report, submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 64/254 of 26 February 2010 (second follow-up to the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict), in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, within a period of five months, on the implementation of the resolution. To fulfil that request, it was therefore necessary to ascertain what steps the parties named in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the resolution had taken.

2. On 27 May 2010, the Secretary-General drew the attention of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations to resolution 64/254, with the request that the Mission provide the Secretariat with written information, by 12 July 2010, of any steps that the Government of Israel may have taken or was in the process of taking further to the call of the General Assembly in paragraph 2 of the resolution.

3. On 16 July 2010, the Secretariat received a document from the Government of Israel entitled “Gaza Operation Investigations: Second Update”.

4. On 27 May 2010, the Secretary-General drew the attention of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations to resolution 64/254, with the request that the Mission provide the Secretariat with written information, by 12 July 2010, of any steps that the Palestinian side may have taken or was in the process of taking further to the exhortation of the General Assembly in paragraph 3 of the resolution.

5. On 12 July 2010, the Secretary-General received a letter of the same date from the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations conveying a letter dated 11 July 2010 from President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority and the report of the Palestinian Independent Commission Investigating in Follow-up of the Goldstone Report, including a general introduction to the report.

6. On 27 May 2010, the Secretary-General drew the attention of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations to resolution 64/254, with the request that the Mission provide the Secretariat with written information, by 12 July 2010, of any steps that the Government of Switzerland may have taken or was in the process of taking further to the recommendation of the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of the resolution.

7. On 12 July 2010, the Secretary-General received a note verbale of the same date from the Permanent Mission of Switzerland conveying a report entitled “Status of the talks on follow-up to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 64/254”.

8. The submissions received from the above-mentioned parties total approximately 382 pages. For technical reasons, I am unable to issue the documents or my observations at the present time. I will report further as soon as the technical process of translation is completed.