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**Statement by the President of the Security Council**

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 17 November 2012, in connection with the Council's Consideration of the item entitled The Situation in Gaza, the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

For Immediate Release:

- 1 The Security Council of the United Nations, in agreement with the call of the Secretary-
- 2 General for an immediate end to offensive hostilities in the Gaza strip and nation of
- 3 Israel. It is imperative for all parties involved to make a concerted effort for a peaceful
- 4 resolution of the current conflict. The body recognizes Resolution 1860 (2009) as a
- 5 framework for future action.
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- 7 Furthermore, we applaud the efforts of the government of Egypt in their efforts to broker
- 8 peace talks between involved parties. It is of utmost importance for the governments of
- 9 Israel and the Palestinian authority to negotiate in neutral territory in pursuit of immediate
- 10 end of offensive hostilities. We strongly encourage all parties to honor the 2005
- 11 Agreement on Movement and Access between the Palestinian Authority and Israel.
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- 13 In addition, all parties involved must honor human rights in accordance with the
- 14 Secretary General's demand that both sides must deescalate all armed conflict in the
- 15 pursuit of an end to offensive hostilities. It is imperative that all parties respect their
- 16 obligations under international humanitarian law to ensure the protection of civilians at
- 17 all times. Until peaceful resolution to the conflict, the Security Council of the United
- 18 Nations supports the efforts of regional and international NGO's such as the Red Cross
- 19 and Red Crescent in administering aid and working to mitigate the distress of the affected
- 20 civilian populations.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions