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## Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 7th of December 2023, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question" the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

The United Nations Security Council calls on all parties in the West Bank to stop the ongoing violence that is further destabilizing and dividing the region. Violence by various militant groups threatens the lives and livelihoods of those in the region and destroys any possibility of lasting peace. The Security Council reaffirms its commitment to a two-state solution, in accordance with the pre-1967 Armistice lines, which must be the overarching goal for achieving peace and stability in the Middle East. As international efforts to improve the humanitarian condition in the region continue, the international community condemns the use of violence on civilians, which in areas of armed conflict and occupied territories are protected by Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Convention. Thus, the Security Council condemns violent acts and the targeting of civilians on all sides of the conflict.

The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 0 abstentions

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