Concern for Israel’s announcement to annex 234 hectares of land in the West Bank

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation is concerned by Israel's decision announced yesterday to annex 234 hectares of land in the West Bank south of Jericho.

It is a measure which, by increasing the area available for new settlements, contributes to erode the two-state solution, the only one which can guarantee Israelis and Palestinians a future of peace and security.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while wishing for a reassessment of the decision by Israel, calls on both parties to refrain from actions that could escalate the tension and to commit themselves to promote a prompt resumption of peace negotiations.