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FCO Press Release: Minister for the Middle East statement on plans to construct a new settlement in the West Bank

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British Minister for the Middle East, Tobias Ellwood, on Wednesday condemned the Israeli announcement to construct a new settlement near Shilo in the West Bank. Foreign Office minister, Tobias Ellwood, said:

> *"We condemn the recent announcement of plans to construct a new settlement near Shilo. This is the latest example of a series of worrying new settlement announcements in recent months.*
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> *"Settlements are illegal under international law. As underlined in the July report of the Middle East Quartet, settlement activity undermines trust and makes a two state solution much harder to achieve."*

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