Statement by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov, on the reactivation of the Israeli – Palestinian Joint Water Committee

Jerusalem, 16 January 2017

"I welcome the signature of an agreement to renew the activity of the Israeli – Palestinian Joint Water Committee to improve the water infrastructure and supply in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

This, along with previous joint agreements on electricity, water, mail and 3G cellular coverage, is in line with the Middle East Quartet's recommendations.

If fully implemented, this agreement would be an important step towards preserving the two-state solution. I encourage further cooperation between the two sides which is critical to the viability of a future Palestinian state."

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