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Advancing of the plans of settlement construction by Israel

(Statement by Press Secretary Takeshi Osuga)

1. The Government of Japan deeply deplores that, according to information, the Government of Israel has approved plans for the construction of more than 1000 housing units in settlements in the West Bank, thereby continuing its settlement activities, despite repeated calls from the international community including Japan for freezing such activities.

2. Settlement activities are in violation of international law and Japan has repeatedly called upon the Government of Israel to fully freeze settlement activities. The Government of Japan once again strongly urges the Government of Israel to fully freeze its settlements activities including implementing the construction plans that are undermining the viability of a two-state solution.

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