



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

The Israeli military operation in international waters against the humanitarian convoy has brought renewed attention to the unsustainable situation for the civilian population in the Gaza Strip and the underlying, unresolved issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Israeli military operation has also raised calls for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

In this regard, some Member States have requested the resumption of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly to consider this issue in the context of “Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory”.

In this context, and after consulting with Member States, I have decided not to hold an interactive thematic debate of the General Assembly on the situation in the Middle East, as previously envisaged for Thursday, 8 July 2010. I will continue to consult with Member States on this issue, and I will keep you informed of further developments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Treki', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ali Abdussalam Treki

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