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MEDIA NOTE

Statement by Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell

Following is a statement by Special Envoy for Middle East Peace George Mitchell:

I'm pleased that the Israeli and Palestinian leadership have accepted indirect talks. We've begun to discuss the structure and scope of these talks and I will return to the region next week to continue our discussions. As we've said many times, we hope that these will lead to direct negotiations as soon as possible. We also again encourage the parties, and all concerned, to refrain from any statements or actions which may inflame tensions or prejudice the outcome of these talks.

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