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“I welcome the announcement of Prime Minister Fayyad today and look forward to studying closely the blueprint he has unveiled. As he has explained to me, this plan builds on the significant efforts of self-empowerment that the Palestinian Authority has embarked on over the last two years. We as the United Nations will continue to be closely engaged with the Palestinian Authority in support of its state-building agenda.

As the Palestinian Authority continues down this path, it challenges all other players to step up to their responsibilities and move forward quickly and decisively in the coming two years. The agenda must be turned into reality by intensified actions of enablement by Israel on the ground and continued donor support, and the creation at the earliest opportunity of an internationally-recognized Palestinian State living side-by-side with Israel in peace and security.”

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