Press release: Minister for the Middle East statement on settlement units in East Jerusalem

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Minister for the Middle East Tobias Ellwood has commented on the Jerusalem municipality approving plans to build 566 new settlement homes in East Jerusalem.

Foreign Office minister, Tobias Ellwood, said:

It is the long held view of the British Government that settlements built on occupied Palestinian territory are contrary to international law and an obstacle to a two-state solution and we condemn them. The UK reiterates its support for a negotiated peace settlement that leads to an Israel that is safe from terrorism and a Palestinian state that is viable and sovereign.

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