UN stands ready to assist following deadly earthquake in Mexico

19 September 2017 — <u>Secretary-General</u> António Guterres voiced sadness at the loss of life and damage resulting from the earthquake that occurred in Mexico today, and expressed the readiness of the United Nations to assist.

"Today's disaster comes just two weeks after the country suffered a strong earthquake, which already resulted in significant loss of life and suffering," noted a <u>statement</u> issued by Mr. Guterres' Spokesman, Stéphane Dujarric.

According to media reports, over 100 people have been killed, including scores in the state of Morelos, which was close to the epicentre of the 7.1-magnitude quake. Dozens were also killed in the capital, Mexico City.

The Secretary-General extended his condolences to the Government and people of Mexico and wished those injured a speedy recovery. He also commended the Government and the civil society for their speedy response.