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## Quartet Envoys Joint Press Release

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On 16 and 17 December, Envoys of the Middle East Quartet met in Jerusalem and Ramallah with Israeli and Palestinian counterparts.

Over the two days, the Envoys from the EU, Russia, U.S., and UN met with officials from the Israeli Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and officials from the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Authority to discuss current conditions on the ground and concrete actions to demonstrate their commitment to the two-state solution.

The Quartet Envoys strongly condemned all acts of terror and stressed the importance of opposing unequivocally incitement and violence and to de-escalate the situation.

The Quartet Envoys reiterated the need for significant steps on the ground, in line with previous agreements, which will strengthen Palestinian institutions, security and economic prospects, while respecting Israel's legitimate security concerns.

The Envoys will review the results of their recent engagement with the parties and with regional states, and report to their Principals with recommendations on next steps.

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