

Statement of the United Nations System Chief Executive Board

27 October 2007, The United Nations System Chief Executive Board Meeting on 27 October under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon, expressed its serious concern over the increasing number of violent attacks against humanitarian workers and other UN staff operating under the auspices of the United Nations in various regions of the world.

The United Nations Chief Executives Board called upon all Member States of the United Nations to renew their commitment to the protection of humanitarian workers and to ensure safe and unhindered access to all people in need, in keeping with international law and humanitarian principles.

The CEB expressed its full support to all those UN staff involved in essential humanitarian work across the world and expressed its condolences to the families of those who recently lost their lives in the pursuit of their noble mission.

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