Statement attributable to Head of UN Supervision Mission in Syria, General Robert Mood

General Robert Mood, Head of the UN Supervision Mission welcomes the release of Syrian detainees, discharged Thursday in the presence of UN observers.

This is a positive act in these challenging times. It is an encouraging step towards the implementation of Joint Special Envoy Kofi Annan's Six-Point Plan.

General Mood congratulates the families of those freed and extends his heartfelt thoughts and wishes to those waiting to be united with their loved ones.

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