

Ban receives report from team probing possible chemical weapons use in Syria

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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson and Åke Sellström, head of the UN team investigating the possible use of chemical weapons in Syria.

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United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has today received the report of the UN team probing the possible use of chemical weapons in Syria and plans to brief the members of the Security Council on the findings in a closed-door session tomorrow.

A note to correspondents issued by a UN spokesperson confirms that the report of the United Nations Mission to Investigate Allegations of the Use of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic has been turned over to the Secretary-General.

“It was transmitted today [...] to the Secretary-General by Professor Åke Sellström, the head of the Mission, and the Secretary-General will provide it to the Member States tomorrow morning,” says the note.

It goes on to say that Mr. Ban will brief the Security Council on the report during its closed consultations tomorrow morning. Following that briefing, at approximately 12:50 pm, the Secretary-General will speak to reporters at the Security Council

stakeout, according to the note.

The Secretary-General will also brief the UN General Assembly on the report.

The text of the report will be made available tomorrow morning on the website of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, which is: <http://www.un.org/disarmament/>

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Welcoming the news that Russia and the United States have reached an agreement on a framework for Syria to destroy all of its chemical stockpiles, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has also announced the Syrian Government's formal accession to the international treaty on banning chemical weapons, effective 14 October.