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CAIRO (Reuters) - The Arab League backs the Palestinians' refusal to continue direct peace talks if Israel resumes building settlements, the organization's chief said September 16. "If settlement construction does not stop, then there is no use for continuing negotiations," Amr Moussa told a press conference, saying this was the opinion of the Arabs and Palestinian President Abbas. "Negotiating with occupation is simply a waste of time."