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**For the urgent attention of: Right Hon Philip Hammond MP**

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Dear Mr. Hammond,

**Re: Imminent vote at the Human Rights Council on resolution relating to the recent report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict**

We write pursuant to the imminent vote at the Human Rights Council in Geneva on the resolution: *Ensuring accountability and justice for all violations of international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem*, relating to the recent report by the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict.

We believe there is a critical need for the UK government to clearly demonstrate its grave concern regarding the report's considered findings concerning serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law, including the apparent commission of war crimes. The report itself carefully states:

**“[T]he commission was able to gather substantial information pointing to serious violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law by Israel and by Palestinian armed groups. In some cases, these violations may amount to war crimes.” (paragraph 668)**

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the UK government to vote in favour of the resolution and underscore its resolute commitment to ensuring that full accountability is secured for alleged serious international law violations. It is imperative that the UK government firmly commits itself to supporting the robust implementation of the rule of law, justice and human rights protection in the context of Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

We would be grateful for your careful consideration of this urgent request.



Yours sincerely,

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