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Dear Mr. Almanza,

**Re: Clarification on G4S' activities in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory**

We write to request an update on G4S' activities in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory (**oPt**).

**Overview**

We acknowledge your announcement, on 2 December 2016, that G4S has reached an agreement on the sale of G4S Israel to FIMI Opportunity Funds (**FIMI**) and we welcome the decision to sell G4S Israel as being an act in accordance with G4S' business and human rights responsibilities.

However, we note that G4S made no reference in its press release to the UK National Contact Point's (**UK NCP**) 2015 adverse findings against the company, and nor did it clearly set out the extent to which G4S would continue to be involved in the provision of services to Israeli state agencies that were the subject of our complaint to the UK NCP in 2013.

The purpose of this letter is to seek clarity on these points.

**Findings of UK NCP**

As you know, the UK NCP concluded upon investigating LPHR's business and human rights complaint against G4S, that the company had failed to address human rights violations by Israeli state agencies with which it is involved through a business relationship, and found a linked 'technical' breach of two overarching obligations to respect human rights.

The services that were the subject of the UK NCP complaint relate to the supply, installation and maintenance of equipment at facilities and operations in Israel and the oPt that are associated with violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. Specifically, the services include:



- Contracts to service and maintain full body scanners and baggage scanning equipment used at military checkpoints in the West Bank, including the Qalandia checkpoint, the Bethlehem checkpoint and the Irtah (Sha'ar Efrain) checkpoint;
- Contracts to provide full body scanners to the Erez checkpoint in Gaza; and
- Contracts to provide security systems for the Ofer detention facility in the oPt and for different facilities inside Israel, including the Ketziot, Megiddo and Damon prisons, as well as for the Kishon ('Jalameh') and Jerusalem ('Russian Compound') detention facilities.

As you are aware, in the UK NCP's most recent comments on the complaint against G4S, in July 2016, it stated:

*'Until G4S publicly communicates the actions it is taking to address the impacts it is linked to by the contracts...the UK NCP considers that its actions are not consistent with its obligation....to address [human rights] impacts it is linked to be a business relationship.'*

#### **Request for clarification**

Despite the UK NCP's latest comments, there is still no clarity as to the extent of G4S' ongoing involvement in activities that have adverse human rights impacts in Israel and the oPt.

Given this, please confirm:

1. whether, after the completion of the sale of G4S Israel to FIMI, G4S will continue to provide any of the services that were the subject of LPHR's 2013 business and human rights complaint to the UK NCP; and
2. whether you alerted FIMI Opportunity Funds to the UK NCP's findings of a breach of human rights obligations in relation to G4S' activities in Israel and the oPt?

Yours sincerely,

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