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Excellency,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission established pursuant to Resolution 14/1 of the Human Rights Council (HRC), adopted on 1 June 2010. On 23 July 2010, the President of the Council, His Excellency Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, appointed me, together with Sir Desmond de Silva and Ms. Mary Shanthi Dairiam, to investigate the incidents related to the interception of the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance to Gaza on 31 May.

The Mission will be guided by its mandate, and will conduct its work independently and impartially. As a completely independent body, the Mission is currently determining its own terms of reference and deployment plans.

As a Chair of the Fact-Finding Mission, I believe that in order to investigate the incident, it is necessary and important to take into account all the relevant contextual facts and that the Mission can travel to Israel with the aim to have access to the relevant officials in the Israeli Government, the members of the Israel investigation team, relevant military officials and official documents. I would appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

I would therefore like to request a meeting to brief you about the Mission and discuss all the relevant matters. Please indicate your availability to meet with us at your earliest convenience.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl T. Hudson-Phillips".

Mr. Karl T. Hudson-Phillips  
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