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7 September 2010

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Re Human Rights Council Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Flotilla Incident

Permit me respectfully to refer to the most cordial meeting which members of the above Mission had with you on the 18th. August 2010. I wish to be pardoned for expressing my continuing regret at the position of your Government at that time not to cooperate with the Mission appointed by the Human Rights Council into the Gaza Flotilla Incident on the ground that such an initiative was 'both unnecessary and unproductive'.

Since our meeting, the Mission, which I have the honour to Chair, has worked assiduously in an attempt to complete its task by the stipulated date of 27th. September 2010. Considerable progress has been made towards ascertaining the factual circumstances surrounding the incident. However, the Mission regrets that the position adopted by your Government will deprive it of direct access to information which may be relevant.

The effect of the position of your Government was anticipated by the Mission. Consequently you will no doubt recall that a list of requests for information from the relevant authorities of your Government was given to you at the meeting under reference. This was in the hope, which I trust was not misplaced, that cooperation would have resulted, notwithstanding the apparently unequivocal position of your Government at that time.

I wish to forward once more, for ease of reference, a copy of the request for information referred to above and to enquire whether the position of your Government now permits you to favour the Mission with a positive response.

Please accept, Your Excellency, continuing assurances of the highest regard and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl T. Hudson-Phillips', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Karl T. Hudson-Phillips
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cc: His Excellency Mr. Sihasak Phuangkitkeow
President of the Human Rights Council

1. Visits to Israel and Gaza for examination of evidence and any relevant observations
2. Specifically in relation to evidence :
 - (a) Visit Israel to interview witnesses.
 - (b) Visit Gaza to observe situation there first hand
 - (c) View items of physical evidence in the hands of the Israeli authorities including unedited film footage taken by the Israeli Defence Force or on its request or direction.
 - (d) View and examine items alleged seized by Israeli authorities from the passengers on the ships – allegation of improper uses of credit cards and the existence of photographic material and equipment, telephones etc.,
 - (e) Medical reports by Israeli authorities of persons who received attention pre and post mortem in Israel – both Israeli and non-Israeli – including autopsy reports if any
 - (f) As an alternative to (d), duly authenticated copies of statements by Israeli witnesses with particular reference to -
 - (1) injuries suffered by Israeli personnel
 - (2) Nature and calibre of firearms and any projectiles used in the exercise

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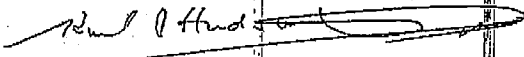
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