



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 October 2014

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 14 October 2014 affirming the commitment of Israel to join the global effort to combat the Ebola outbreak, including through the contribution to Liberia and to Sierra Leone of two fully equipped "Emergency Anti-Ebola" medical clinics. In particular, it is very much appreciated that the Israeli agency for international development and cooperation will be sending teams of specialists to operate the clinics and train local health workers so that the units can be immediately functional.

I also thank Israel for its critical support to preparedness in the continent through the deployment of medical supplies and experts in infectious diseases to conduct training in Ethiopia and Cameroon, respectively, in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

This is very positive and encouraging news. The contribution of Israel will play a significant role in increasing the access to and quality of treatment available for infected patients in Liberia and Sierra Leone, as well as support the scaling up of the response through the provision of training.

I have been personally touched by the overwhelming generosity of dozens of countries who have mobilized to donate what is possible within their means and expertise. It is through this global mobilization of financial, in-kind and human resources that we will generate a response of the twenty-fold magnitude necessary to defeat the scourge of Ebola.

Yet, still much more is needed. Transmission of the Ebola virus continues to outpace the response. The latest WHO figures indicate that 8,997 people have been infected and 4,493 have died in what is the world's worst Ebola outbreak ever. Any delays in mobilizing an adequate response today will result in a far greater response that will be required tomorrow.

His Excellency
Mr. Ron Prosor
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
New York



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Already, cases of the Ebola virus have been reported outside of the affected region, in Spain and in the United States. Countries with diplomats and nationals in the affected countries are understandably concerned about the health and safety of their personnel, as well as the prospect of the virus coming home. However, withdrawing these skilled personnel, or imposing travel restrictions or flight bans, will only deepen the isolation of the affected countries and magnify the challenges faced in mobilizing an effective response. I thank Israel for staying the course.

Launched on 29 September 2014 under the leadership of my Special Representative Mr. Anthony Banbury, the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response will work with host governments and all operational partners to coordinate and accelerate the response effort. Meanwhile, my Special Envoy on Ebola, Dr. David Nabarro, continues efforts to galvanize high-level support and provide strategic direction, including through the launch of the Global Ebola Response Coalition.

We must be able to guarantee top-quality medical treatment and evacuation capability for all responders in the three countries. This will act as a critical multiplier for the deployment of qualified and trained medical personnel. The aid effort also remains gravely underfunded, with just one third of the US\$1 billion required and with limited funds available through the Ebola Response Multi-Partner Trust Fund.

We have a long road ahead to contain and curb the Ebola outbreak, and then to begin to help the affected countries recover from its devastating impact. I trust I can count on Israel for its sustained support.

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



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Fw: draft letter to Israel - Re: Fw: EOSG Tracker Application: New task assigned to you

Victor Kisob to: Janice Willingston

16/10/2014 12:10 PM

Please finalise for SG's signature. Victor

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Cc: Crispin Stephen/NY/UNO@UNHQ, anthea.webb@undp.org, Yvonne Knoepfel/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 15/10/2014 09:03 PM
Subject: draft letter to Israel - Re: Fw: EOSG Tracker Application: New task assigned to you

Dear Victor,

Please see attached a draft reply to Israel for review/feedback, following the same strategy as with Japan of combining thanks with advocacy. Looping in Anthea in case she/David have visibility on any other appeals or asks that should be mentioned here.



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All the best,
Lisa

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From: Yvonne Knoepfel/NY/UNO
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Cc: Victor Kisob/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 14/10/2014 05:19 PM
Subject: Fw: EOSG Tracker Application: New task assigned to you

Dear Lisa and Cris
For appropriate action as indicated below.
Thank you and kind regards
Yvonne

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From: Victor Kisob/NY/UNO
To: Yvonne Knoepfel/NY/UNO@unhq,

Date: 14/10/2014 04:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: EOSG Tracker Application: New task assigned to you

Let's send this to Lisa to prepare response and to Cris to record and inform the mission of the donation.

Regards, Victor

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From: "Janice Willingston" <willingston@un.org>
Date: October 14, 2014 at 16:50:12 EDT
To: "Victor Kisob" <kisob@un.org>
Subject: EOSG Tracker Application: New task assigned to you

Dear Victor Kisob,

The following EOSG Tracker task has been assigned to you.

Subject: Reaffirms Israel's commitment to joining the global effort to combat the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa and beyond. In response to calls from West African governments, the WHO Executive Director, and the SG personally, Israel will send two fully equipped "Emergency Anti-Ebola" medical clinics to Liberia and to Sierra Leone.

Action Required: Your attention

Deadline: 24/10/2014

Thank you.

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Janice Willingston
Office of the Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary-General

16 October 2014

Excellency,

I thank you for your letter affirming Israel's commitment to join the global effort to combat the Ebola outbreak, including through the contribution of two fully equipped "Emergency Anti-Ebola" medical clinics to Liberia and to Sierra Leone. In particular, it is very much appreciated that MASHAV will be sending teams of Israeli specialists to operate the clinics and train local health workers so the clinics can be immediately operational.

I also thank Israel for its critical support to preparedness in the continent through the deployment of medical supplies and experts in infectious diseases to conduct training in Ethiopia and Cameroon, respectively, in coordination with the WHO.

This is very positive and encouraging news. Israel's contribution will play a significant role in increasing the access to and quality of treatment available for infected patients in Liberia and Sierra Leone, as well as support the scaling up of the response through the provision of training.

I have been personally touched by the overwhelming generosity of dozens of countries who have mobilized to give what is possible within their means and expertise. It is through this global mobilisation of financial, in-kind and human resources that we will generate a response of the twenty-fold magnitude necessary to defeat the scourge of Ebola.

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Launched on 29 September, under the leadership of my Special Representative Mr. Banbury, the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) will work with host governments and all operational partners to coordinate and accelerate the response effort. Meanwhile, my Special Envoy for Ebola, Dr. Nabarro, continues efforts to galvanize high-level support and provide strategic direction, including through the launch of the Global Ebola Response Coalition (GERC).

We have made considerable progress. But we have much more work to do. Speed is of the essence.

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

BAN Ki-moon

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14 October 2014

Excellency,

I am writing to once again reaffirm Israel's commitment to joining the global effort to combat the outbreak of the Ebola virus in West Africa and beyond. In response to calls from West African governments, the WHO Executive Director, and you personally, Israel will send two fully equipped "Emergency Anti-Ebola" medical clinics to Liberia and to Sierra Leone.

The clinics were manufactured in Israel and built in accordance with WHO standards and guidelines. They include hospital beds, isolation kits, and protective clothing for medical staff. With assistance from MASHAV, Israel's agency for international development and cooperation, teams of Israeli specialists will travel to Liberia and to Sierra Leone to operate the clinics and train local health workers.

In coordination with the WHO, Israel has already sent medical supplies to Ethiopia and deployed experts in public health and infectious diseases to Cameroon to train local health professionals from six different hospitals on how to prevent and contain the Ebola virus.

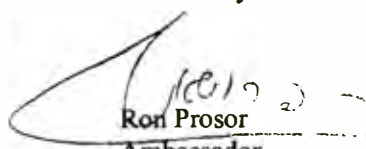
Israel is proud to have co-sponsored UNSCR 2177 and we reiterate our support for the establishment of UNMEER mission through GA A/RES/69/1. This support was restated in the Fifth Committee Resolution A/69/1.

An African proverb teaches that "Disease comes and goes like the rain, but health is like the sun that illuminates the whole village."

The global community has the tools and skills to bring relief to the communities that have been devastated by the Ebola virus. Together, I believe that we can turn back the tide of this disease so that the nations of West Africa can enjoy a future illuminated by health and security.

Allow me, Excellency, to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours truly


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