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Excellency,

I write to you regarding Israeli occupation obstruction to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Palestine Committee of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), which was scheduled for 5 August in Ramallah, Palestine. By barring the delegations of Bangladesh, Cuba, Indonesia, and Malaysia, the occupying Power effectively exercised brute power and highlighted its role as oppressor of the Palestinian people and to their inalienable right to self-determination and sovereignty.

On behalf of the State of Palestine, we reiterate our condemnation of this Israeli measure and rejection of its attempt as political extortion. Israel, the occupying Power, wants to continue carrying out its illegal practices and policies that aim at entrenching the occupation and making it irreversible with impunity. But, it is evident that these policies and the Israeli government's investment in the occupation and colonization enterprise, which pose a grave threat to the very prospects of peace and two-state solution, must be confronted with urgency and strong resolve. Furthermore, we insist that Israel's attempts at denying the Palestinian people their basic right to advance their national rights by forcing a state of isolation will not sway our determined resolve to achieve our inalienable rights and end the occupation.

While Palestine reaffirms its commitment to a negotiated settlement to the conflict in accordance with international law, Israel, the occupying Power, is changing the reality on the ground: confiscating our land and displacing our population while illegally exploiting our natural resources, thereby prejudicing the outcome of any negotiation for a final peace settlement. In the meantime, armed Israeli settlers have increased their terrorist attacks that target Palestinian lives and livelihoods with impunity. All such illegal actions are further proof that the current Israeli government is not interested in achieving the two-State solution on the basis of the pre-1967 borders and is only interested in entrenching its illegal control and de facto annexation of the Palestinian land. Furthermore, carrying out these grave violations with a confidence in the certainty of escaping international accountability threatens to make achieving peace an unfeasible goal.

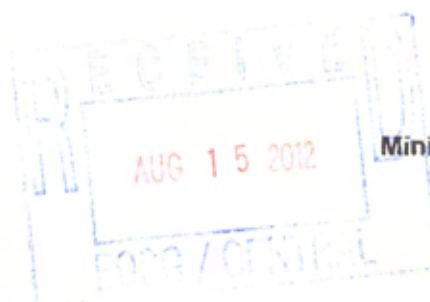
Members of the Palestine Committee of NAM confronted and rejected this arrogance of unchecked power for the sake of peace with a solid response anchored in the principles of international law including the United Nations Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States. Equally the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Mr. Robert Serry, who was invited to address the meeting, has sounded his regrets towards this deplorable Israeli action.

In this regard, we express our gratitude for the members of the Palestine Committee and for Mr. Serry for their principled position of solidarity and rejection of Israel's assault on Palestine's right to advance its political and national interests through multilateral cooperation.

We urge your Excellency, to exercise your moral power to assist us in ensuring that such acts of political bullying are not repeated.

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

H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General of the United Nations



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Excellency,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency from His Excellency Dr. Riad Malki, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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

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