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Hon. Ban Ki-Moon  
UN Secretary General  
United Nations  
New York

Dear Secretary-General,

We visited Albania on April 30, May 1 and May 2 and met and talked with the President, Prime Minister, Interior Minister and some leaders of political parties in the parliament. We also had the opportunity to talk to many citizens of this country closely. We further had the chance to meet with a number of Camp Liberty residents who have relocated to Albania.

Our findings in that trip showed well that the democratic standards in Albania are very close to those of the European Union. Their courage in admitting 240 residents of Liberty is a clear proof of this capacity. Albanian officials at various levels are fully satisfied with the presence of the members of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI) in their country. The Prime Minister even told us that they have had no problems whatsoever with the residents over the past year of their stay in Albania. In fact the residents have very much contributed socially and economically to the country. Administrative officials and leading citizens that we met and talked to closely are also quite satisfied with their coexistence with Liberty residents and have no problem with them.

Sadly, however, we believe the world community, especially the United Nations and the Security Council, have not offered the necessary gratitude for this worthy step of Albania, more importantly they have not asked this country to admit more of the residents. It was clear from our talks with Albanian leaders that Albania has the capacity to admit many more residents from Camp Liberty; something that is very urgent and necessary under the current dire conditions in Iraq.

In light of the above points, we ask you, either in your capacity as UNSG or through the UNSC, officially to commend the Albanian government for their courageous and responsible move, and urge it to admit a bigger number of Liberty residents, and if

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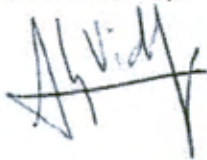
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possible all of them. We also ask you to guarantee the necessary political, economic and security support for this country for its participation in this important matter.

Please rest assured, Mr. Secretary-General, of our highest regards.

Yours sincerely,



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Vice-President of the European Parliament



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- Hon. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees
- Hon. Jeffrey Feltman, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs
- Hon. Jane Holl Lute, UNSG Special Adviser for Relocation of Camp Liberty Residents Outside of Iraq