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

Dear Secretary General,

✓ I read—with utmost concern—the section of the report by UNAMI Human Rights Office/OHCHR, Baghdad, for the first half of 2013, related to Camps Ashraf and Liberty. This report, which was written during Mr Martin Kobler's supervision of UNAMI, I regret to say, is full of fabrications and quite contrary to the UN's declared values.

For my colleagues and me, the enormity of these lies is not surprising; however, what is unacceptable is the UN's disregard for repeated warnings by us and other parliamentary organizations and jurists regarding the consequences of Kobler's fabricated reports and his special relations with the Iranian regime and the Iraqi Government. It presents the residents and "the leadership of Mojahedin at the camp" as the cause of failure of the resettlement project. By introducing PMOI as an organization that "has a hierarchical and authoritarian structure", UNAMI claims that it violates the residents' human rights and denies them "the freedom of movement" and "access to medical care and treatment" etc.

1. In our opinion, such fabrications in this report about the PMOI and the residents of Ashraf and Liberty have no value whatsoever. We have been familiar with such lies by the Iranian regime for many years. Through five reports to the UN Security Council—that I have sent you—in April, July, and November of 2012 and in March and July of 2013, ISJ has extensively answered these lies with sufficient evidence and documentation. ISJ's report of July 2013 to the Security Council, which covers the time period discussed in UNAMI's report, is attached. Studying this report will assure you that UNAMI's report betrays the UN values.

2. UNAMI's report blocks the way for relocation of residents to third countries and would be used by the Iranian government to destroy its organized opposition.

3. ISJ's July report to the Security Council states: "Kobler, in a bid to distort the facts and attempt to place the blame elsewhere in his letters, including his 14 letters after the 9 February missile attack, has resorted to fabricating cases and alleges that the PMOI does not give monitors access to the residents and specific areas."

The report itemizes Kobler's accusations and answers them and then concludes that: "These are criminal slanders that Kobler is trying to use to legitimize the crimes of the Iraqi Government, the

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inhumane siege on Liberty and the prohibition imposed by the Government to provide the minimum security equipment at Liberty.”

4. On May 16, 2013, Struan Stevenson, President of the European Parliament’s Delegation for Relations with Iraq wrote to you: “I have worked closely with the PMOI for many years and receive daily briefings regarding Camp Liberty. These statements by Mr. Kobler could be used as justifications for another massacre. The reality is that the monitors have had free access to everywhere in the camp and have been free to talk to anyone in the camp. On various occasions in the past Kobler had falsely accused the residents of spreading their own garbage around the camp to make it look unhygienic. He had claimed that the residents purposely exploded the camp sewage lines and even that some residents had deliberately sand-papered off their fingerprints! His deception is becoming quite ludicrous. His unprecedented animosity towards the residents of the camps, prevent him from being the UN’s unbiased special envoy. In Srebrenica we were faced with negligence or cowardliness of UN officials, but here we are facing collusion, which could cost the reputation of the UN a great deal. “I am afraid that Kobler, with his policy of collusion, could aid and abet another crime that would seriously impact on the UN, US and EU. Please be reminded that you and we were among the first leaders to promote the relocation of the residents of Ashraf to Camp Liberty.”

5. Struan Stevenson broached the following two points with you as a solution for these issues: “First, remove Kobler from his responsibilities in Camps Liberty and Ashraf immediately. There is in any case no further need for UNAMI. The issue at hand is now entirely the question of refugees and can be handled exclusively by UNHCR. “Secondly, to expose the truth of what is happening in Camp Liberty, please arrange for a visit to Liberty by me and my colleagues from the European Parliament. I am ready to go on this mission as soon as possible and promise to give you a personal report of my findings first hand,” but unfortunately he didn’t receive any replies.

6. In item 56 of its July 2013 report to the Security Council, ISJ explicitly states that: “The rapid resettlement project has been a complete failure. Despite full cooperation by the residents, the camp leadership, PMOI and NCRI, until the preparation of this report (10 July 2013) only about 3 percent of Liberty residents have been transferred outside Iraq. In the best of circumstances, this figure will reach 10 percent by the end of 2013. Therefore, in the lack of a quick resettlement, the only solution for the residents’ security and protection is their immediate return to Ashraf.”

7. I wrote to Secretary Kerry on May 3, 2013 that: “The Iranian regime that considers the People’s Mojahedin Organization of Iran (PMOI/MEK) as the only threat to its survival, has succeeded in recruiting the UN and Kobler for the goal of dissolving the MEK. As Tahar Boumedra, a former senior UN official, revealed on September 13, 2012 at a U.S. Congressional Hearing under oath, UNAMI’s decisions about Ashraf were taken at the Iraqi Prime Minister’s Office and at the Iranian government’s embassy in Baghdad. Only in late 2011 and early 2012, Kobler met for 5 times about Ashraf with Danaiifar, who is the Iranian Ambassador in Baghdad and a commander of the terrorist Quds Force. Similarly at Liberty, instead of monitoring Iraqi government’s compliance with the rights of residents and preventing them from violating those rights, Kobler’s agents are trying to impose additional controls to interfere in their personal lives and internal affairs, and encourage them to leave the MEK and return to Iran. Instead of focusing on the Iraqi forces, locations of missile launch pads, and controlling Sadeq Mohammad Kazem, the murderer of the residents in the 2009 and 2011 massacres, they are concentrating on the victims, submitting them to physical aggression and psychological torture. Kobler’s correspondences for the past year and a half have been consistently expressing gratitude and admiration for the 'humanitarian' approach of the Iraqi Government and criticizing the MEK for lack of cooperation with that government; not even a word about making Liberty a prison or unfortunate living conditions there, Iraqi Government’s prevention

of safety arrangements, the role of that government in the February 9th massacre, or the fate of the investigations regarding the past two massacres.”

8. It is shameful that in those years, after the PMOI was removed from the terrorism lists of the European Union, United Kingdom, United States, and Canada, the report—in order to justify suppressive measures—refers to: “Mujahedin-e-Khalq (PMOI/Mek) – an Organization formally listed by a number of States as a terrorist organization.” Do you have a justification for this?

Mr. Secretary General,

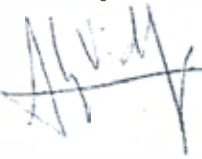
These fabrications are made while you have not responded to our frequent calls and calls made by other parliamentary groups and residents’ representatives and lawyers for paying a visit to Liberty, and have made no effort to realize such a visit, in which case the fallacy of Kobler’s allegations of two years would have been revealed.

Since this report, dated August 2013 but made public recently, could have had a serious role in encouraging Iraq to perpetrate the September 1st massacre in Ashraf and also paves the way for future attacks against the residents, its publication is a criminal act which can be legally pursued. On behalf of ISJ I ask that:

- first, identify those responsible for preparation of this report so that further legal action can be taken by non-governmental organizations and the families of the residents who repeatedly come to us, and
- second, in order to prevent the continued destructive impact of the report, correct it expeditiously.

Once again, I reiterate my previously repeated suggestions and call for creation of an impartial international investigation delegation to investigate allegations shared by the Iranian regime, the Iraqi government, and Kobler regarding Liberty.

Sincerely,



Alejo Vidal-Quadras
Vice-President of the European Parliament
President, International Committee In Search of Justice (ISJ)

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