



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 January 2015

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Dear Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the copy of Crisis Action's annual report 2013-2014. I note the impressive work of your organization over the past year, particularly the achievements of your office here at United Nations Headquarters.

Your unstinting advocacy for the basic human rights and humanitarian needs of people at risk from armed conflict is commendable. In the midst of intense and sometimes fraught negotiations, we at United Nations Headquarters must never forget whom we are here to serve – the “we the peoples” of the Charter – and that our work must ultimately make a qualitative difference for those on the ground. The voice of your organization is clearly playing a significant role towards this end.

I wish you every success in this mission over the coming year.

With warm regards,
Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Eliasson,

I am pleased to enclose Crisis Action's annual report for the period June 2013 – May 2014.

2014 is Crisis Action's 10th anniversary and Crisis Action has now blossomed into a truly global organization of over 30 people across 8 offices with a lean budget of just £2.5 million. Fitting for our 10th year of existence, we have made some significant structural changes to respond to the changing world order. We took the difficult decision to close our Berlin office and opened an office in South Africa. This new office is already building strong partnerships with civil society organisations and supporting their efforts to engage the government on the issue of foreign policy.

The annual report summarises the impactful advocacy Crisis Action has coordinated for our global network of civil society partners to protect civilians in Syria, Sudan, South Sudan, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and the Central African Republic (CAR). Amidst a bleak year for crises, there were some highlights: Crisis Action helped obtain a UN peacekeeping force in CAR to stop ethnic cleansing. On Syria, we coordinated the largest global campaign since the beginning of the crisis to successfully push the UN Security Council to demand aid be delivered into Syria even without the government's consent. We helped South Sudanese civil society to act together to push African policymakers for an inclusive peace process and an accountability mechanism that will address the horrific abuses committed.

Thanks again for collaboration. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that civilians are given the help and protection they need when faced with the horrors of war.

Kind regards

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