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Excellency,

On behalf of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and the International Conference of Jewish Parliamentarians (ICJP), we are writing with great urgency to request a meeting with you at the beginning of September, before the convening of the UN General Assembly.

The International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians represents nearly 300 members from Parliaments throughout the world who convene frequently to discuss global issues of vital common concern. Its partner organization, the World Jewish Congress, is the largest Jewish umbrella group for nearly 100 Jewish communities worldwide, which monitors the status of human rights around the world and advocates for the interests of its member communities. In the first week of September 2011, the Steering Committee of the ICJP, with leaders from five continents and led by Canadian MP and former Minister of Justice of Canada, Professor Irwin Cotler and Lord Janner of the House of Lords of the UK, plans to convene in New York City, in anticipation of the UNGA.

We would be most honored if you would agree to a brief consultation with our delegation at a convenient day and time during the week of September 5th to discuss the possible developments at the UN that will affect the security and stability of the Middle East. We believe that your perspective as Secretary General, and your wide-reaching knowledge of current conditions in the region, will be invaluable to the ICJP as we meet to consider policies and recommendations to scores of Parliaments around the globe. We will report the results of our meeting to all ICJP members the world over.

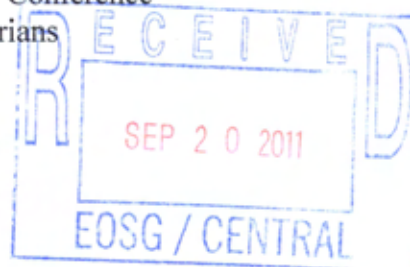
We will follow up this letter with communications to your office in the hope that your busy schedule can accommodate us. Please know that we greatly appreciate your kind consideration of this request.

Please feel free to have your office call 212-755- 5770, x 205 with any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting with you in September.

Warmest wishes,

Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder
President
World Jewish Congress

Fiamma Nirenstein, MP, Italian Parliament
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