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Dear Mr. President,

After careful consideration, we would like to invite the Human Rights Council to consider the possibility of postponing the presentation of the report of the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict until June 2015.

We are fully conscious of the significant trust placed in us by the Council. Our request for added time in which to prepare the report is based on the need to adjust our work due to the late resignation of its former chair. In this context, the Commission must analyze with the utmost objectivity the large number of additional submissions and documents received over the past few weeks from both sides, relating to the fact finding dimension of our mandate.

We remain fully committed to our mandate as Commissioners and look forward to continuing to engage with the Council in order to fulfill our responsibility to the international community, and, above all, the groups and individuals who have testified or made submissions. We reiterate both our desire to work with all stakeholders and our continuing readiness to travel to the region, should circumstances permit.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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