



**Statement Attributable to the President of the Human Rights Council,
Ambassador Joachim Ruecker (Germany)**

Geneva, 9 March 2015 -- Today I met with the Commissioners of the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict who handed over a letter requesting a deferral to June 2015 of the submission and presentation of their report due to be presented to the Human Rights Council on 23 March.

The Commissioners informed me that they needed this extension in order to weigh the additional information they have received in recent weeks.

I have conveyed this request to the concerned parties and informed the Council Bureau. Following the explanation by the Commissioners, I support the request for additional time vis-à-vis the Human Rights Council, in order to allow them to finalize a comprehensive report as mandated.

Please note that the above-mentioned letter is available on the Human Rights Council Extranet page at the following link -

<https://extranet.ohchr.org/sites/hrc/PresidencyBureau/BureauRegionalGroupsCorrespondence/Pages/Correspondence2015.aspx>