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Your Excellency,

We write on behalf of The Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine (GSPP) Coalition of international peace organizations, some of which have UN ECOSOC status. First, we compliment you for tirelessly working to achieve justice and peace for the people of Palestine, and your clarion call that “International law is unambiguous: civilians everywhere must be respected and protected - and their essential needs must be met, including through humanitarian assistance.”

We likewise appreciate your successful work to galvanize the august body around the General Assembly’s “Uniting for Peace” resolution 377 (1950), to take action when the Security Council has been impeded from ending Israel’s illegal occupation of Palestine and genocide of the Gaza Strip. The overwhelming and decisive passage of General Assembly resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1 on September 17th, 2024, to end Israel’s occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and implement the advisory rulings of the International Court of Justice, was a clarion call for the international community to take accountability and responsibility to implement this resolution at the national level.

In order to stop the unfolding genocide in the Gaza Strip and end Israel’s illegal occupation of the OPT, each Member State is obliged to comply with its duties under international law as reflected in the binding UN treaties and Conventions, including inter alia, the 4th Geneva Convention, Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International Court of Justice advisory opinions, the UN Charter calling for peace and security for all member states, and resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1, among others.

The Genocide Convention requires member states to take necessary steps to prevent and to punish violations including important obligations under its Common Article 1. As noted in the February 23, 2024, statement by a group of U.N. Special Rapporteurs experts,

parties to the Geneva Conventions have a duty to “ensure respect” for international humanitarian law. See “Arms Exports to Israel Must Stop Immediately: UN Experts” at <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/arms-exports-israel-must-stop-immediately-un-experts>, dated February 23, 2024. The duty to “ensure respect” requires all States, under Common Article 1 of the Geneva Convention, to do everything reasonably in their power to prevent and stop violations of international humanitarian law by Israel, particularly where a State has influence through its political, military, economic or other relations.

In addition, all member states at the United Nations have passed unanimously The Pact for the Future in September 2024 which calls for key points of action on International Peace and Security including relevant Article 14: “We will protect all civilians in armed conflict”; Article 15: “We will ensure the people affected by humanitarian emergencies receive the support they need”; Article 17: “We will fulfil our obligations to comply with the decisions and uphold the mandate of the International Court of Justice in any case to which our State is a party”; and Article 18 “We will build and sustain peace.”.

We, therefore, urge you to use your good offices to implore the Permanent Representatives of each Member State to urge their respective governments to take the necessary next steps to implement all requirements of the conventions and resolutions above, most recently, UNGA resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1, based on the ICJ findings, Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel), by:

- 1) Promoting, through joint and separate action, the realization of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, the respect of which is an obligation erga omnes, and refrain from any action which deprives the Palestinian people of this right and, while respecting the Charter of the United Nations and international law, to end any impediment, resulting from the illegal presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, OPT, to the exercise by the Palestinian people of its right to self-determination.
- 2) Asserting the illegality of the situation arising from the unlawful presence of Israel in the OPT;
- 3) Not rendering aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel’s illegal presence in the OPT;
- 4) Not recognizing any changes in the physical character or demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the territory occupied by Israel on 5 June 1967, including East Jerusalem, except as agreed by the parties through negotiations, as affirmed by the Security Council in its resolution 2334 (2016), and the obligation in this regard, in relation to, inter alia, their diplomatic, political, legal, military, economic,

commercial and financial dealings with Israel, to distinguish between Israel and the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including by:

- 5) Abstaining from treaty relations with Israel in all cases in which it purports to act on behalf of the OPT or a part thereof on matters concerning the OPT or a part of its territory;
- 6) Abstaining from entering into economic or trade dealings with Israel concerning the OPT or parts thereof which may entrench its unlawful presence in the Territory, including with regard to the settlements and their associated regime;
- 7) Abstaining in the establishment and maintenance of diplomatic missions in Israel, from any recognition of its illegal presence in the OPT, including by refraining from the establishment of diplomatic missions in Jerusalem, pursuant to Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980;
- 8) Taking steps to prevent trade or investment relations that assist in the maintenance of the illegal situation created by Israel in the OPT, including with regard to the settlements and their associated regime;
- 9) As States parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law as embodied in that Convention, in particular pursuant to their obligations under articles 146, 147 and 148 regarding penal sanctions and grave breaches, while respecting the Charter of the United Nations and international law and underscoring the urgency of undertaking measures to enforce the Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem;
- 10) Undertaking efforts towards bringing to an end systemic discrimination against the Palestinian people based on race, religion or ethnic origin, including to prevent, prohibit and eradicate the violations by Israel of article 3 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination identified in the advisory opinion;
- 11) Taking steps to ensure that their nationals, and companies and entities under their jurisdiction, as well as their authorities, do not act in any way that would entail recognition or provide aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel's illegal presence in the OPT;
- 12) Taking steps towards ceasing the importation of any products originating in the Israeli settlements, as well as the provision or transfer of arms, munitions and related equipment to Israel, the occupying Power, in all cases where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they may be used in the OPT;
- 13) Implementing sanctions, including travel bans and asset freezes, against natural and legal persons engaged in the maintenance of Israel's unlawful presence in the OPT, including in relation to settler violence;
- 14) Supporting accountability efforts for all victims;
- 15) Do not recognize as legal the situation arising from the unlawful presence of Israel in the OPT and distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between Israel and the OPT. Member States should not recognize, or cooperate with or assist in any manner in, any measures

undertaken by Israel to exploit the natural resources of the OPT or to effect any changes in the demographic composition or geographic character or institutional structure of the OPT;

- 16) Respecting and acting in a manner consistent with the determinations made by the International Court of Justice, including in relation to all relevant maps, statements and reports, as well as in their respective programs and actions;
- 17) Strongly deploring the continued and total disregard and breaches by the Government of Israel of its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, international law and the relevant United Nations resolutions and agencies such as UNRWA, and stressing that such breaches seriously threaten regional and international peace and security; and
- 18) Recognizing that Israel must be held to account for any violations of international law in the OPT, including any violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and that it must bear the legal consequences of all its internationally wrongful acts, and including by making reparation for the injury, including any damage, caused by such acts.

Your Excellency, most urgently and immediately, given Israel's nearly total severance of all humanitarian corridors to the Gaza Strip, and its declaration that it is severing relations with UNRWA - the lifeline of the Palestinian people -- on the flagrant and incredulous false assertion that the UN agency is terrorist, we urge you to use your good offices as the Secretary of the United Nations to work with the Member States to operationalize the following mechanisms provided for in resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1 to establish an immediate permanent ceasefire, opening of the humanitarian aid corridors, and complete withdrawal of Israel from the OPT.

In addition, we call on you to support efforts to:

- 1) Reopen the Committee Against Apartheid in the case of Israel;
- 2) Urge Member States to boycott, sanction and divest from Israel in general and its illegal operations and businesses in the OPT in particular;
- 3) Demand an arms embargo against Israel;
- 4) Strip Israel of its right to vote in the General Assembly; and
- 5) Establish an unarmed UN peace-keeping mission in the OPT in application of Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

We, the undersigned members of the Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine (GSPP) Coalition have, as of November 15th, contributed to sending over 500,000 emails to Member

States requesting that they support the UN General Assembly in its efforts to achieve an end to the occupation and genocide, and a just and lasting peace in the OPT.

We, the Global Solidarity for Peace in Palestine (GSPP) Coalition, once again would like to express our deep gratitude to you for all of your efforts to secure the passage and implementation of resolution A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1 to halt the ongoing genocide in the Gaza Strip. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to request a meeting with you to deliver the petition. In addition, we kindly request that you assign a special contact for our group to discuss these efforts.

In peace and solidarity,

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