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Washington, DC 20515

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His Excellency Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira
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Secretary-General
United Nations
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Her Excellency Ms. Michelle Bachelet
United Nations High Commissioner for Human
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Dear Secretary-General Guterres and High Commissioner Bachelet:

We are writing to bring to your attention the recent antisemitic comments by Miloon Kothari, a member of the United Nations Commission of Inquiry (COI) into Israel. These outrageous and prejudicial remarks not only disqualify Mr. Kothari personally, but show the imbalance and prejudgment of the U.N.'s COI, which has been apparent since its formation last year. Given this, we are calling on you to help disband the Commission of Inquiry. Pending that decision, Mr. Kothari should be immediately removed from his position on this commission.

We were deeply disappointed last year at the formation of this unprecedented, open-ended, and biased COI to investigate Israel which completely ignores the role of terrorist groups such as Hamas in the protraction of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. At the time we viewed the creation of this commission as another attempt by the United Nations Human Rights Council to unjustifiably target Israel and feel even stronger about this assessment today.

Mr. Kothari's comments, reflecting both an abhorrent, deep-seated antisemitism and a rejection of the very legitimacy of the State of Israel, warrant universal condemnation. These comments should have no place at the United Nations and clearly demonstrate the lack of impartiality and disproportionate focus on Israel by the COI.

We strongly urge you to take definitive action to make clear that antisemitism has no place within the United Nations system and call on you to help disband the Commission of Inquiry into Israel. In doing this, we hope you will instead prioritize meaningful and balanced efforts to bring both Israelis and Palestinians together to ensure peace and prosperity for all.

Sincerely,



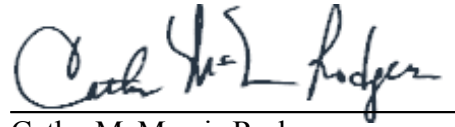
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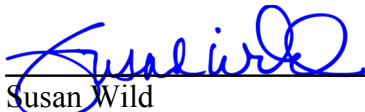
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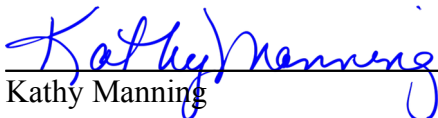
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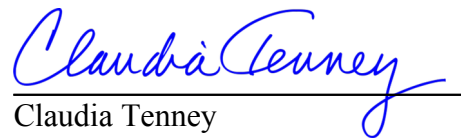
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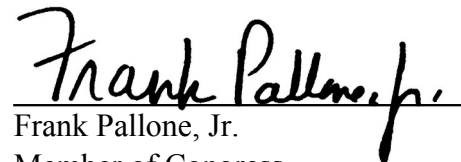
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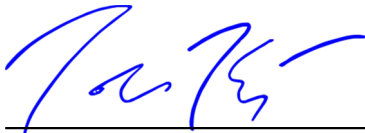
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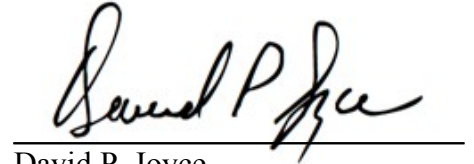
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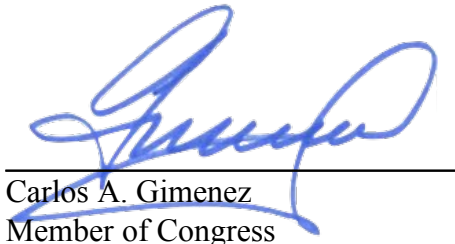
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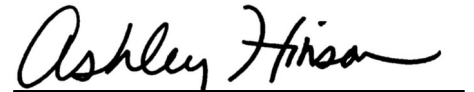
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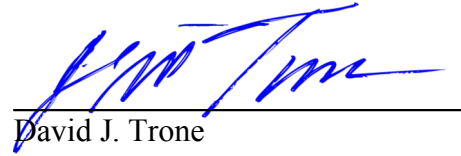
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