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H.E. António Guterres
Secretary- General of the United Nations

Sub: A Request to Re-Publish the ESCWA's report entitled "Israeli Practices towards the Palestinian People and the Question of Apartheid."

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI) writes to you at this very challenging time as the Israeli aggression on the occupied Palestinian Territories has been escalating. The continuation of the Israeli Occupation's systematic oppression and human rights violations against Palestinians is based on the apartheid regime it has established to dominate the Palestinian people as a whole.

This has been concluded earlier in 2017 by ESCWA's aforementioned report that was authored by two credible and reputable professors Virginia Tilly and Richard Folk, the UN's former Special Rapporteur on human rights in Palestine. The report finds that land policy, property laws, and demographic regulations, among others, reveal Israel intends to ensure the dominance, which illustrates "beyond a reasonable doubt the proposition that Israel is guilty of imposing an apartheid regime on the Palestinian people, which amounts to the commission of a crime against humanity." This was reaffirmed recently by Human Rights Watch's report "A Threshold Crossed Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution" which was published in April 2021.



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The report concludes as well that the Israeli government has demonstrated an intent to maintain the domination of Jewish Israelis over Palestinians across Israel and the OPT.

The silence of the international community and impunity of the occupying power encourages it to persist in its aggression and commit more crimes in OPT. This will be added to the frequent perils of the pursuit of international legal accountability for the actions of Israel against the Palestinian people.

ANNHRIs, hereby, requests your reconsideration of the withdrawal of ESCWA's aforementioned report which contributes to the impunity of Israel from sanctions in relation to crimes against humanity.

Your support and intervention are extremely needed!

Sincerely yours,

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President



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Executive Director

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