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**Subject: Urgent Appeal for the Recognition of Palestinian Sovereignty and Immediate Ceasefire**

**Your Excellency Secretary-General António Guterres,**

I make this appeal not as one voice among many that can simply be set aside, but as a reflection of an issue that has remained unresolved for far too many decades. I would ask that this letter not be dismissed for that reason alone, but rather be read, genuinely considered, and acted upon — precisely because this issue has waited long enough.

I write to you, and through you to all world leaders, with an urgent question the world can no longer avoid: **how much longer will Palestine's freedom remain postponed?**

The time has come for all leaders to abandon the double standards that have prevented genuine peace. Self-interest, religion, race, or ethnicity must no longer determine whose freedom is defended. This becomes possible only when justice is applied equally. The United Nations was established for precisely this purpose.

I ask every leader to look honestly at themselves: what is happening to Palestinians is happening before the whole world, and each of us shares some part of the wrong. Those who support Israel for their own interests while offering only words for Palestine must ask whether this hypocrisy can still be justified. **No power, wealth, or technology carries real meaning if it cannot secure justice for Palestine.**

Why has this still not been resolved? A central reason is the continued support powerful nations give Israel, allowing its excesses to proceed unchecked. Truth is too often cast aside while wrongdoing is called legitimate.

The world today feels caught in a snare, where injustice grows harder to escape and truth is increasingly silenced. If justice is not delivered for Palestine now, I fear we will not be far from that same trap ourselves.

After the world wars, nations once at war reconciled and each people secured its own state. Why has Palestine not received the same? Palestinians, like every other people, deserve the right to self-determination and statehood — yet they endure bombardment and the loss of their children, generation after generation.

This appeal is directed at nations that stand beside Israel instead of restraining it. Nations once bitter enemies have found peace — why not here? Genuine independence must be secured, and Israel restrained from harm it has no right to inflict.

Humanitarian aid is necessary but is not a substitute for justice. Nations that continue supplying weapons to Israel bear direct responsibility for the lives lost. **No nation arming one side while calling for peace can be considered blameless.** One-sided support must end, replaced by genuine, decisive action — not further sympathy alone. World leaders must, without delay, grant Palestine full freedom and end these wars once and for all.

We are all aware of what is happening to the Palestinian people; concrete steps must now be taken. If figures like Nelson Mandela could end entrenched discrimination through sustained will, the world's most powerful nations, together, can secure the same for Palestine.

As long as any single permanent Security Council member can unilaterally veto measures on Palestine, justice remains structurally out of reach. **I ask whether the Council might consider a voluntary “veto restraint” commitment for matters of humanitarian crisis and self-determination.**

Many nations already support Palestine yet remain powerless, as ultimate authority rests with a handful of powerful states. I ask that every nation's voice be counted, not only the most powerful — and that the world record clearly who truly stands with humanity, and who does not.

I ask that this appeal be met not with words alone, but a concrete, time-bound path: a permanent, neutrally-enforced ceasefire, followed by verified demilitarization, followed by phased, irreversible steps toward full sovereignty — with any violations, particularly by Israel, formally recorded and met with real consequence. And I ask you directly, Excellency: **what specific action will you yourself now take?**

Children are killed daily even as aid continues to be sent — an injustice, and a form of violence. Social media platforms must examine why footage from Palestine is so often suppressed.

Peace must be extended to every nation without exception. History shows reconciliation is possible even after the deepest divisions — South Africa, under Nelson Mandela's legacy, stands as proof that lasting justice is achievable when the will exists. Discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or religion must end everywhere, so that genuine peace may be established, and every people, in every part of the world, may live with dignity and equality. All hatred and conflict — wherever in the world it exists today — must be brought to an end.

Many voices have been raised in protest. Yet meaningful change will not come until leaders act with real resolve — including leaders of Muslim-majority nations, whose statements of solidarity over the past 78 years have rarely translated into decisive, unified action.

All systems, leaders, and media organizations complicit in this injustice must reflect honestly. Should the world unite in common purpose, Palestinian independence is not impossible. Every human being possesses the right to live in freedom.

The world is fully aware of this reality, yet injustice continues to grow even as the truth stands plainly before it. One must ask why: is it that the powerful choose to support the oppressor, or that leaders, bound by their own interests, choose silence and statements over real accountability? If the world unites for Palestine's freedom now, those responsible will no longer escape it. **Palestine's freedom must be recognized as the greatest and most urgent need of our time** — and its people deserve, at last, to live with dignity, govern themselves, and live freely in their own land.

**It is not the powerless who perpetuate this suffering, but the powerful — and it is the innocent who continue to pay the price for decisions made far from the battlefield.**

Thank you — Palestine's freedom is now the voice and prayer of us all.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alina Tanveer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alina Tanveer