

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres
The United Nations
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Enclosed please find a copy of UN Watch's new in-depth study, released on Monday at the Israeli Knesset, entitled *The United Nations and Antisemitism: 2008-2017 Report Card*. This is the first report of its kind in a decade, and we urge you to circulate it widely within the UN system, in particular to the bodies and experts tasked with combating racial and religious discrimination.

An alarm was sounded last week when one of the most prominent of these UN officials— Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion— acknowledged that the United Nations human rights system has paid a “scandalous lack of attention” to the worldwide plague of escalating antisemitism. UN Watch's new report, which carefully reviewed the responses to antisemitism over the past decade by numerous UN agencies, experts and senior officials, confirms this assessment—in detail.

In wake of the troubling findings in this report, we urge you to convene a conference on antisemitism that will follow up on the Unlearning Intolerance series initiated in 2004. We note with concern that while it has been over three years since precisely such a conference was requested by 50 UN member states—in the outcome statement of the General Assembly's informal meeting on antisemitism held in January 2015— no action has been taken.

Such a conference ought to be a first step toward charting a road map for UN actions to remedy its system-wide lack of attention to antisemitism, as detailed in our report, whose findings and recommendations may serve as a guide for how UN agencies, experts, and senior officials can begin to assume their responsibility to fight global hatred, incitement and violence against Jews, and thereby to live up to the UN's founding principles and basic obligations.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director