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Dear Commissioner-General Krahenbuhl,

As you may know, UN Watch is a NGO based in Geneva that monitors the United Nations. We would like to ask about your investigation into the 70 cases of incitement that we have previously documented, [in February of this year](#) and in the end of 2015, as well as about the new cases that we just [presented last week](#) in the Canadian Parliament. I am copying several journalists (from Sunday Times, Bild, Basler Zeitung, Blick, Sonntagzeitung, Jerusalem Post) and officials who have been concerned with this issue.

In your organization's [Feb. 4th response](#) to the *Bild* article concerning our report of that week, UNRWA stated that it "takes allegations of neutrality violations with the utmost seriousness"; that you "always look into such allegations"; and that you "will take disciplinary action where appropriate."

Similarly, Swiss Foreign Minister Burkhalter recently [confirmed](#) that the Swiss foreign ministry has opened discussions with UNRWA about the cases mentioned and that an examination of the allegations is underway, and he added that the Swiss government expects UNRWA "to carry out investigations and to take disciplinary action if these allegations are proven."

In that regard:

1. I am concerned that UNRWA has never contacted our organization to request information related to our report. For example, we have information about additional incitement to terrorism by employees identified in the previous reports. If UNRWA is taking the allegations with utmost seriousness, the first thing it should have done, one imagines, would have been to contact the source. Moreover, the contrary seems to be the case: UNRWA spokesman Christopher Gunness has blocked us on Twitter.

2. Our [latest report](#), like the reports before it, identify serious allegations of incitement by teachers, and in some cases, by UNRWA schools and regional networks, which celebrate Adolf Hitler; hold school-wide rallies to support the "stabbing intifada"; and encourage Hamas terrorist attacks. Can you please indicate whether the employment of any one of these UNRWA teachers, principals or school administrators has been terminated, thereby removing

them from the classroom? Contrary to what Mr. Guinness said in the Feb. 4 statement, we are aware of no privacy provision in UN or UNRWA rules that would preclude you from answering this question.

3. After you met the Palestinian Prime Minister yesterday, he [announced](#) that "It was agreed there would be no change in curriculum taught in UNRWA schools." Do you agree with that characterization?

4. I would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the above, and to present to you new and alarming cases of incitement that we have found, and which severely impact the right to education of Palestinian children.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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