

OPEN LETTER TO UNICEF

Special Representative,
UNICEF State of Palestine,
Beit Hanina, East Jerusalem

Attention: Ms. Genevieve Boutin

10 December, 2018

Re: UNICEF Periodic Updates to 2013 Report

Dear Ms. Boutin,

We write to share our strong interest in ensuring that UNICEF (State of Palestine) continues to publish periodic updates to the groundbreaking 2013 report – Children in Israeli Military Detention (the Report). These updates are an essential means by which policy makers and stakeholders across the world assess the current situation facing children in Israeli military custody and to monitor progress made in implementing the Report's 38 recommendations.

We understand that following the release of the Report the Israeli government undertook to work collaboratively with UNICEF to implement the recommendations and UNICEF committed to publish periodic updates as a means to objectively assess progress. In accordance with this commitment UNICEF published two updates in October 2013 and February 2015. However, we understand that UNICEF now has no firm plans to publish a third update in spite of troubling reports that the ill-treatment of children and the denial of their legal rights remains widespread. While we appreciate that these updates are not the only means by which concerns are publicized, they remain the most comprehensive and useful to policy makers and stakeholders.

We appreciate that UNICEF is frequently called upon to work in many challenging environments, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the work you have done to shed light on this issue. We encourage you to continue this important work by continuing publication of these updates. As the international community continues to engage with all parties to the conflict seeking compliance with their international legal obligations, we feel that evidenced based reporting by UNICEF in the form of these periodic bulletins is essential.

Yours sincerely,

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