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Ambassador Ran Curiel  
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Dear Ambassador Ran Curiel,

I am writing to you regarding an urgent case which has been brought to my attention concerning the village of Al Walaja in the Bethlehem District, Palestine.

The Israeli authorities are proposing to build a separation barrier in this village, and are calling for the demolition of more than 50 existing buildings in the city, including a home which was recently rebuilt by international and local volunteers after it was illegally destroyed by Israeli authorities seven years ago.

Such a separation barrier violates international law, as it is illegal to build on occupied land. The barrier will also cut off the villagers from their agricultural land.

The EU Missions in Jerusalem have condemned these proposals on the afore-mentioned grounds early last week, and at the end of the week a group of diplomats from the European Union and EU Members States also visited the village, to voice their concerns.

As you may be aware there will be a court case to examine this issue on Wednesday 27th September at 1pm Israeli time. This has been postponed from an earlier date, pending receipt of further information from the Israeli authorities.

I urge you to do all in your power to stop this violation of international law, and to protect the people of Al Walaja from having their village destroyed.

I look forward to hearing from you on this urgent issue at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.

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Cc. Commissioner Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy