## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

November 20, 2017

The Honorable Ambassador Nikki Haley Permanent U.S Representative to the United Nations United States Mission to the United Nations 779 United Nations Plaza New York, NY. 10017

## Dear Ambassador Haley:

We write to express our deep concerns regarding "the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for the State of Palestine" between the United Nations and Palestinians. In light of the June 15, 2017 report by the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, it is clear that once again Israel is being singled out for vilification.

When the United States abstained from U.N. Security Council Resolution 2334, you justly stated before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that this was "one of the lowest points in our country." We agree with you. After already targeting the integrity of Israel, the United Nations appears to be attempting another attack with the distribution of this \$1.3 billion. This agreement will include training Palestinians "to effectively access international accountability mechanisms in order to hold Israel accountable for its violations under international law." It is our fear that the United Nations is using the cover of humanitarian assistance to provide political support to create a Palestinian State. Furthermore, this document cites explicit support to Palestinian institutions to "challenge the occupations impact," in coordination with 16 different U.N. branches. We strongly condemn the discriminatory misuse of taxpayer funds to provide politicized tools to target Israel.

This document fails to mention the list of Palestinian violations under international law, including rampant human rights abuses, inciting violence, financially rewarding terrorism, and squandering aid to the Palestinian Authority. The use of development assistance like this is unprecedented and should not be tolerated.

We support your efforts at the UN to ensure that Israel is treated fairly. To that end, we urge you to investigate and confirm the details of this funding agreement and report back to Congress on

your findings as well as available courses of action on how you believe the United States should address this development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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