

6 August 2025

To the President of the Human Rights Council
Mr Jürg Lauber,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (“Commission of Inquiry”), about the implementation of additional mandates requested by the Human Rights Council to the Commission in March 2024.

In the March 2024 session, the Human Rights Council passed two resolutions, in which it requested the Commission of Inquiry to present two new reports to the Human Rights Council on: (i) settlers and settler groups involved in acts of terror, violence or intimidation against Palestinian civilians and the actions taken by Israel and third States to ensure accountability for violations of international law (A/HRC/RES/55/32); and (ii) the transfer or sale of arms, munitions, parts, components and dual use items to Israel (including those used during the Israeli military operation in Gaza since 7 October 2023) and analyse legal consequences of these transfers, including those related to State responsibility (A/HRC/RES/55/28). Both reports were due in March 2025, during the 58th session of the Council.

The two PBIs approved by the Council authorized OHCHR to recruit a total of eight international staff on GTA. The total allocation of funds envisaged by the PBIs amounted to USD \$1,555,700, including staff and operational costs. While no advance funds were provided during 2024, in December 2024, the Fifth Committee approved an allocation of USD \$756,400 and the recruitment of the eight positions for 2025.

As the implementation of the two resolutions had not yet started, in March 2025, the Council asked the Commission to postpone the presentation of the two reports to March 2026. No additional PBI was associated with the resolutions extending these mandates.

The Commission advertised temporary job openings for five of the eight authorized posts; it conducted the screening and selection of candidates who applied for the positions. To date, however, no candidate has been recruited due to the measures imposed to confront the liquidity shortcoming of the UN regular budget, and the Commission has started informing the

sponsors of the two resolutions that it will be unable to produce these mandated reports and present them to the Council in March 2026.

This Commission is fully committed to the implementation of all resolutions emanating from the Human Rights Council and is ready to commence its work as soon as the needed resources are provided within a realistic timeframe for the delivery of the mandates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Pillay', written over a horizontal line.

Navi Pillay

Chair

Cc:

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