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Excellency,

I am writing this letter to you in my capacity as the OIC Coordinator on human rights and humanitarian issues.

I would like to invite your attention towards recently recommended list of the mandate-holders by the Consultative Group. According to para 39 of HRC resolution 5/1 (IB Package), the following general criteria will be of paramount importance while nominating, selecting and appointing mandate-holders:

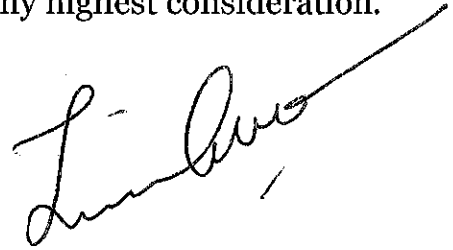
- (a) expertise;
- (b) experience in the field of the mandate;
- (c) independence;
- (d) impartiality;
- (e) personal integrity;
- (f) objectivity

Unfortunately, the Consultative Group has recommended the name of a candidate as the Special Rapporteur on the "situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories since 1967" who has no expertise nor relevant experience of the Middle East situation. This recommendation of the Consultative group is a violation of the IB package. It is, therefore, unacceptable to the OIC.

Similarly, I would like to express our concern over discrimination towards the developing countries while appointing mandate holders. Para 40 of

the IB package clear states that due consideration should be given to gender balance and equitable geographic representation, as well as to an appropriate representation of different legal systems. We, therefore, call upon you to reconsider the recommendation of the Consultative group and identify an appropriate candidate for each vacancy on the basis of criteria highlighted in the IB package.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zamir Akram', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

(Zamir Akram)  
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