Submission sheet

Individuals, groups and organizations wishing to submit information and documentation to the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel (hereafter the “COI”) are kindly asked to fill in this sheet with any information they are able to provide, and attach it to their submissions.

It is not a requirement to provide all requested information if not available, though particular attention should be given to filling in the section on consent.

Unless indicated otherwise in the form, the COI will consider all materials received to be usable in its reports, but without attribution as to the source

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<td>Relationship of submitting entity/individual to the alleged victim/s</td>
<td>Anti-Israel and anti-Jewish indoctrination in UNRWA schools is a major root-cause of the conflict, including the eruption of violence in 2021.</td>
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The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the refugees of the 1948 war (UNRWA) provides educational services to school children registered as refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and the Gaza Strip. In the latter two areas it is responsible for the education of about a quarter of the Palestinian student body, with over 320,000 students in some 370 schools. As a matter of self-imposed policy, UNRWA uses in its schools textbooks of the host governments in its various areas of operation. That raises a serious ethical problem, since these books contain crude anti-Israeli, anti-Zionist and even anti-Semitic expressions clearly contradicting UNRWA’s defined neutral and peace-oriented character as a UN organization.

Anti-Semitism in the Arab world is part and parcel of the current conflict, although its roots can be traced to earlier periods. As such, it exists in most Arab curricula. This is the case as well in the Palestinian one, though to a lesser extent, comparing to those of Syria, Saudi Arabia and even Egypt. That is so due, probably, to the fact that the Palestinian textbook
A publishing operation was partly financed by Western donor states. This assumption is based on an incident that took place in 2004 when the Palestinian Authority (PA) issued a history textbook for grade 10 in which the Protocols of the Elders of Zion were described as the confidential resolutions of the first Zionist Congress, held in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. Following a report by the author of this paper in 2005, I was asked by the Belgian embassy in Tel Aviv to send them the relevant Arabic page accompanied by an English translation, and a few months later the PA issued a new version of the book without the said description.

Since UNRWA uses the PA schoolbooks with no omissions or amendments, it actually becomes full partner of the PA anti-Israeli and, sometimes, anti-Semitic indoctrination. Anti-Semitic expressions in such schoolbooks have existed throughout UNRWA’s seven-decade activity, mostly within the context of the conflict, but also in the religious context.


| Human rights violation/s or abuses alleged to have occurred |  |
| Violations of the laws and customs of war (international humanitarian law) |  |
| Date/s of incident/time period |  |
| Place of incident | Village/township/city:  
Province:  |
| Name/s of alleged victim/s gender, age | Name:  
Gender:  
Age:  
Father’s name:  
Nationality:  
Profession:  
Phone number/email:  
Address:  |
| Identification of those allegedly responsible | Name of alleged perpetrator if known:  
Mr Philippe Lazzarini |
**Description of the incident(s)/allegations (2000-word limit)**

Detailed description of:
- the incident(s) or alleged violation(s), including dates, specific locations (e.g. street, building) and number and types and name(s) of victim(s)
- the context in which they took place
- alleged perpetrators
- alleged motive

Please also include information on the impact of these violations, as well as age and gender-sensitive considerations (e.g. how these violations affected women and men, girls and boys differently).

**Description of the State’s response, (500-word limit)**

Indicate whether the incident was reported to the authorities: Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, which authorities:

Information on any investigations, judicial processes, decision/judgements and sentences, including reparations, in response to the incident:

**Methodology employed in the collection of information**

Please provide a description of the methodology employed in the collection of the information shared- primary, secondary sources, means of verification, etc., along with how informed consent was gained from the information provider. If needed, attach a copy of the relevant standard operating procedures followed.

**Consent**

Please indicate whether you, the person submitting the information, agree to the following use of the information by the COI with or without personally identifiable data:

**INFORMED CONSENT TO USE THE INFORMATION:**

1. Use internally and publicly (e.g. public report, press release), with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. **Agree**

2. Use internally only (within the COI), with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. **Agree**

**INFORMED CONSENT TO SHARE THE INFORMATION:**
1. Raise the case with national authorities, courts or accountability mechanisms that respect international standards (including due process) with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. Agree

2. Share info with national human rights institutions, with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. Agree

3. Refer to national or international organizations (including UN human rights mechanisms and other UN entities) providing victim assistance (e.g. ICRC, medical, legal), with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. Agree

5. Share info with international and regional courts – including the International Criminal Court (ICC) -, or accountability mechanisms of other States that respect international standards (including due process) with ☐ without ☐ personally identifiable data. Agree

**Additional Details on Consent:**

Please indicate if consent to provide this information to the CoI has been received from the alleged victims (any consent given must be provided by the victim or by relatives or legal representatives on their behalf, or by a parent/legal guardian in case of a child) Yes ☐ No ☐; consent provided by: _______

If necessary, please explain:

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**Description of any broader issues not related to specific violations (2000-word limit)**

Description should be succinct, highlighting issues of relevance to the mandate of the CoI, and include concrete examples whenever possible.

Please also include information on the impact of these violations, as well as age and gender-sensitive considerations (e.g. how these violations affected women and men, girls and boys differently) as relevant.

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**Any other human rights NGOs to whom you reported the incident**

If appropriate, please provide name and contact information of any other person or organization to whom the incident was reported.

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**Additional materials (documents, images, videos, etc) relevant to the incident(s)/allegation(s)**

Please indicate, if you are aware of, or in possession of, any additional materials from other sources (including the media and NGOs) in which the above incident(s)/allegations are cited, that are deemed relevant/useful. The CoI may follow-up at a later date in order to receive the material(s) indicated.

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