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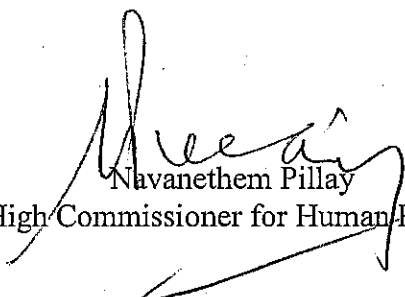
Excellency,

I am writing to inform you that I have reappointed Judge Mary McGowan Davis (United States of America), and appointed Judge Lennart Aspegren (Sweden) as members of the new Committee of independent experts in international humanitarian and human rights laws, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 15/6 of 29 September 2010. Judge Davis will act as chairperson of the Committee. As you know, through resolution 15/6, the Council resumed the mandate of the Committee of independent experts established by Human Rights Council resolution 13/9 of 25 March 2010, which is "to monitor and assess any domestic, legal or other proceedings undertaken by both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian side, in light of General Assembly resolution 64/254, including the independence, effectiveness, genuineness of these investigations and their conformity with international standards". By the same resolution 13/9, the Council requested me to appoint the members of this Committee and provide them with secretariat support.

As you would know, two of the former members of the Committee of Independent Experts declined to continue their work with the Committee. I therefore have appointed Judge Aspegren. I am convinced that Judge Davis and Judge Aspegren will fulfill their mandate independently and in keeping with the highest standards. I am attaching Judge Aspegren's *curriculum vitae* for your information.

My office has already established a Secretariat with the necessary expertise to assist the Committee which is due to report to the Human Rights Council at its sixteenth session in March 2011.

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


Navanethem Pillay
High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow
President of the Human Rights Council

Judge Lennart Aspegren

Judge Lennart Aspegren was born in 1931. He began his career within the Swedish judicial system as a Magistrate in 1958. After serving in various courts of civil and criminal law, he was appointed Judge of the Stockholm Court of Appeal in 1979. Judge Aspegren also served as Legal Adviser to his Government, mainly within the Ministry of Finance from 1969. During the period 1994 to 1995, he served as Judge at the High Court for Social Welfare, in addition to being judge of the Swedish Labour Court from 1980 to 1996. Furthermore, Judge Aspegren was chairman of several governmental commissions of enquiry from 1992 to 1995. He was a former judge for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.