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General Philippe Lazzarini
UNRWA Commissioner-General

Request for the Return of UNRWA Staff in Gaza Headquarters

Dear Mr. Lazzarini,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the dedication and hard work of UNRWA's staff in their relentless efforts to support Palestinian refugees and the population in Gaza,

The vital services and assistance provided by UNRWA have played a crucial role in protecting the lives of countless individuals and families in these challenging circumstances. The commitment and resilience demonstrated by your team are truly commendable.

The Israeli military order to evacuate to the south within 24 hours, has left Gaza and northern Gaza areas without any humanitarian support. The absence of aid organizations and humanitarian workers during this critical time has severe consequences, particularly in conflict zones and crisis-stricken areas. We firmly believe that the reinstatement of relief workers in Gaza and Northern Gaza is not only a humanitarian imperative but also a fundamental step toward alleviating the suffering of the local population.

I kindly request that you consider the urgent matter of reinstating UNRWA's employees to their duties at the UNRWA headquarters in Gaza. The return of these staff members is essential to ensuring the continuity of the vital work that UNRWA provides to Gazans.

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting Palestinian refugees and for your consideration of this request. I look forward to a positive resolution and the continued success of UNRWA's important mission.

Sincerely,

Ammar Dwaik
Director General