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To the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson,

The International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the "Report of the High Commissioner on her visit to the occupied Palestinian territories, Israel, Egypt and Jordan (8-16 November 2000).

As you mentioned in your report, it is in the spirit of conscience that this report had to be submitted. We salute your courage and efforts to make yet another contribution to the promotion of the quest for peace "with justice and respect for human rights."

Also, we strongly urge your office to continue the necessary and urgent work to ensure the establishment of an international monitoring body for the protection of Palestinians. In the twenty-first century, colonization must be declared as a form of slavery, and just as apartheid was eliminated in South Africa, colonization must end in the Palestinian occupied territories.

Last but not least, our organization calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to support the conclusions and recommendations of the report. It is our joint responsibility and duty to ensure the full application of international human rights standards since not only history, but also humanity's conscience will be forever the witness to the world and God for generations to come.

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