

Mission permanente d'Israël auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des Organisations Internationales à Genève משלחת ישראל ליד משרד האומות המאוחדות והארגונים הבינלאומיים בג'נבה

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Dear Ms. Balbin,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 19 and referred it to my Government. The issue you are relating to is indeed a matter of importance and priority for the Government of Israel and may I assure you that your communication will be taken into account. You may also be aware that the issue has already been raised with us by the UNHCR. I would suggest therefore, before expressing your concerns publicly, to wait for Israel's response to your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Aviva Raz Shechter

Ambassador

Permanent Representative

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