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IN GENEVA

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Special Procedures Mandate Holders,

Please find enclosed the U.S. response to communication AL USA 15/2024 dated May 8, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michèle Taylor', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ambassador Michèle Taylor
Permanent Representative to the
UN Human Rights Council

U.S. response to communication AL USA 15/2024

The United States is a strong supporter of meaningful accountability and justice for the victims of atrocities around the world and has acknowledged the role the ICC can play as a component of the ecosystem of international justice. We strongly oppose any threats or intimidation against the Court's personnel and officials.

While we have been on the record as supporting the creation of a Palestinian state, the Palestinians do not currently qualify as a sovereign state. Therefore, they are not qualified to ratify the Rome Statute or delegate jurisdiction to the ICC. We have therefore long held the view that the ICC does not have jurisdiction over this situation.