



**New York, 30 October 2024**

**Excellency,**

We, members of the “UNRWA Shared Commitments” core group, are writing to express our deep concern regarding the recent measures taken by Israel against the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). As we have underlined in our recent meeting with Your Excellency, legislation passed in the Israeli Knesset poses an imminent threat to UNRWA's vital operations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

We echo the calls of UN Secretary-General António Guterres, who warned that, if enacted, such legislation would force a halt to UNRWA's operations and jeopardize essential coordination and deconfliction efforts to protect UN convoys, facilities, and shelters. This is in violation of the UN Charter, the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the UN, international humanitarian law and the relevant General Assembly and Security Council resolutions. Moreover, attempts to seize UNRWA's headquarters in East Jerusalem sets a dangerous precedent breaching the inviolability of UN premises and for the safety and security of UN agencies, officials, and staff, not only in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, but worldwide. This action undermines the integrity of international humanitarian work and could embolden similar violations in other conflict zones.

Such measures will also further undermine the international community's pursuit of a just and lasting peace in the region on the basis of the two-state solution.

Since its establishment, UNRWA's mandate has relied on the international community's collective will and support to provide life-saving assistance to more than 6 million Palestinian refugees.

We would like to reiterate our utmost concern that there is no alternative to UNRWA for the delivery of aid and basic services in the OPT.

Considering the above, we kindly request Your Excellency to convene an urgent briefing of the General Assembly by UNRWA's Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini to address the measures that aim to prevent UNRWA from delivering on its mandate, as duly determined by the UN General Assembly, and aimed at terminating UNRWA's operations before a just and lasting resolution to the Palestinian question is achieved in accordance with international law and the relevant UN resolutions.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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**cc: His Excellency Mr. António-Guterres  
United Nations Secretary General**