



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

7 July 2025

Dear Mr. President,

I write to share with you the report of the Strategic Assessment on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

In April 2025, as part of my UN80 Initiative, I appointed Mr. Ian Martin of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as Head of the Strategic Assessment of UNRWA. I tasked Mr. Martin with conducting the Strategic Assessment in order to: (a) assess the impact of UNRWA in terms of both its mandate and its support for overall United Nations mandates and priorities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Lebanese Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, including as regards prospective political solutions; and (b) assess the exercise of the mandate of UNRWA and its implementation under the present political, financial, security and other constraints; as well as the consequences and risks, for Palestine refugees and for the overall responsibilities and priorities of the United Nations and Member States that UNRWA supports.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Martin for conducting the Strategic Assessment.

I would be grateful if you could share the Strategic Assessment report with the members of the General Assembly. I believe it is imperative that Member States take action to protect the rights of Palestine refugees, the mandate of UNRWA and regional peace and security.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'António Guterres', is written over a long, thin horizontal line that extends to the right.

António Guterres

His Excellency
Mr. Philemon Yang
President of the General Assembly
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