**Press Release: In Phone Call With UN Secretary General, Ros-Lehtinen Expresses Concern Over UNESCO Anti-Israel Agenda, Urges Greater Effort Toward UN Reform**

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(Washington, DC) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, made the following statement following her phone call with the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres. Statement by Ros-Lehtinen:

**“I have known Antonio for many years now and I know that he is both a man of his word and a man of action – he was an excellent selection to be the Secretary General of the United Nations. I expressed my concern to the Secretary General about the blatant and systematic anti-Israel bias we see at UNESCO, the Human Rights Council and elsewhere at the UN. I told him that I support his commitment to reforming the UN and urged him to do more to protect whistleblowers, like Miranda Brown, and that Congress stands ready, willing and able to help him push reforms forward. I also asked that he use his influence and voice to speak more forcefully against the Maduro and Castro regimes and their continued human rights abuses and to call on Iran to release its hostages, including the Namazis and Nizar Zakka.”**