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Dear Mr Schabas,

I thank you for your letter dated 2 February 2014 in which you inform me of your decision to resign from your post as Chair and member of the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict established by the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/RES/S-21/1).

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your work over the past six months as Chair of the Commission.

In my capacity as President of the Human Rights Council, I accept your resignation as Chair and member of the Commission. In this way, even the appearance of a conflict of interest is avoided, thus preserving the integrity of the Commission of Inquiry in carrying out its work. I am looking forward to the presentation of the report to the Human Rights Council scheduled for 23 March 2015.

Furthermore, in order to allow for the Commission to continue working on its report, as mandated, I have appointed Mary McGowan Davis as Chair of the Commission.

Please note that for transparency reasons, all communications are available on the Extranet.

Yours sincerely,


Joachim Ruecker

President of the Human Rights Council

Mr. William Schabas
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Cc: High Commissioner for Human Rights