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H. E. Ambassador Joachim Ruecker
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Excellency,

I accept your invitation to Chair the Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict in light of Professor Schabas's resignation from this position. I am grateful for the confidence you have shown in entrusting me with this important responsibility, and I will do my utmost to complete the report – which is scheduled for presentation to the Human Rights Council on March 23, 2015 – in accordance with the terms of the mandate set forth in A/HRC/RES/S-21/1.

In carrying out this assignment, I am fortunate to be aided by my esteemed colleague and fellow Commissioner Doudou Diene and by the industrious and conscientious members of the staff of the Secretariat. We are all mindful of our responsibility to deliver to the Council – and to the people of Palestine and Israel – a report that meets the highest standards of independence and impartiality.

Respectfully yours,



Mary McGowan Davis

Cc: High Commissioner of Human Rights

Doudou Diene