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Dear Ms McGowan Davis,

Yesterday I received a letter from Professor William Schabas in which he expressed his decision to resign as Chair and member of the Commission of Inquiry on the Gaza conflict with immediate effect. I have accepted his resignation and thanked him for his work over the past six months as Chair of the Commission.

In order to allow the Commission of Inquiry to continue working on its report to be presented to the Council in March 2015, I hereby would like to invite you to chair the Commission of Inquiry on the Gaza conflict.

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution (A/HRC/RES/S-21/1) on the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, I am convinced that you will perform your duties in accordance with the terms of your mandate and uphold the highest standards of integrity, particularly the principles of independence, impartiality and objectivity, with the sole objective of contributing to the promotion and protection of human rights.

I am looking forward to the presentation of the report to the Human Rights Council scheduled for 23 March 2015.

Yours sincerely,


Joachim Ruecker

President of the Human Rights Council

Ms. Mary McGowan Davis
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Cc: High Commissioner for Human Rights
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