



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 June 2025

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 1 June 2025 regarding the deteriorating humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

I share your deep concern regarding the immense suffering of civilians in Gaza – the staggering loss of life, the scale of destruction and the severe restrictions on humanitarian aid in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The United Nations has consistently called for an immediate permanent ceasefire, the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, and the rapid, safe and unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance. The United Nations is steadfast in its efforts to achieve the urgent lifting of the blockade into Gaza and the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance, including water, food, shelter, medical supplies and fuel, as well as access to medical services to all people in need.

The United Nations also continues to call for full respect for international humanitarian law and international human rights law, including the protection of civilians in armed conflict, which is paramount. It remains committed to a negotiated two-State solution, in accordance with United Nations resolutions, international law and prior agreements, so that the State of Israel and the State of Palestine can finally live side by side in peace and security, with Jerusalem as the capital of both States, as well as to supporting all efforts that promote peace and stability for the people of the region.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

António Guterres

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