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Ambassador Ruth Kahanoff
Israel Embassy in Tokyo

**Petition for Abolition of Administrative Detention in Palestine and Immediate Release
of the Detainee**

Her Excellency Ms. Ruth Kahanoff,

We are a trading company, NGO and consumers cooperatives which are concerned about the current oppressed situation in Palestine, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip, and support Palestinian through fair trade of agricultural products and exchange programs based on the solidarity with local partners there.

One of our local partners in West Bank, Union of Agricultural Work Committees (hereinafter UAWC) informed that UAWC staff, Mr. Abdul Razeq Farraj was arrested by Israel military in the midnight of May 24th, on the grounds of administrative detention. And on the next day we received an additional news of being rendered a four-months administrative detention order at prison under the supervision of Israel Prison Service.

We are so concerned about his physical and psychological condition at jail and we feel strong resentment toward unreasonable treatment of your government. Therefore, we urge you to release Mr. Farraj immediately and end the practice of administrative detention for the following reasons.

Petition

1. We will urge you to release Mr. Abdul Razeq Farraj immediately, who was arrested in the midnight of May 24th.
2. We will urge you to take immediate steps to end the practice of administrative detention.

Reason for Petition:

1. Mr. Abdul Razeq Farraj has served prison time for almost 16 years. Most of the time he was placed under administrative detention for five times. He was arrested

at his home in Area A on secret information. It goes beyond your authority to neglect the power of Palestinian Authority to exclusively administer under the internationally agreed framework including Oslo II Accord. Unless he is charged with a right and recognizable offence by Palestinian Authority and tried in fair and prompt proceedings, you have no right reason to detain him and thus we petition his immediate release.

2. We recognize administrative detention has been introduced exceptionally to hold preventively a person who threatens the security of Israel. However, your government has held Palestinian people indefinitely on secret information, which draws criticism from global community. Moreover, the detainees are prevented from visitation of his or her family, even though your government allows Israel citizens to meet two times a month. Such an obvious discrimination against Palestinian are also criticized as collective punishment. It's still fresh in our mind that more than one thousand detainees went on hunger strike last April and May. We raise a hue and cry for all the discriminative deeds against Palestinian and strongly propose the abolition of administrative detention.

Sincerely,

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