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Ambassador Ruth Kahanoff
Israel Embassy in Tokyo

PETITION FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE CEASE FIRE

Her Excellency Ms. Ruth KAHANOFF,

We representing a People Trade Corporation and some Consumers' Cooperatives and consumer groups of totally 2.3 million household members in Japan, have been importing olive oil from Palestine, as the symbol of peace, to support Palestinian farmers in their efforts for economic self-reliance.

We are deeply concerned about the situation of the people in Gaza which has been increasingly more serious and terrible caused by the attack what Israel had started the aerial bombardment on July 8 and then the ground bombardment on July 17.

UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) reports that 1,060 people have been killed till July 28. More than 70% of them were civilians including many of children and women. The injured have exceeded 6,000 and almost half were children and women.

We believe that under any circumstances, military attack to civilians cannot be admitted. We also believe that both indiscriminate rocket fires by armed forces in Gaza and the massive military strikes by Israel entangling civilian population should be reproachable. We are deeply concerned that the aerial and ground bombardment to densely population area by Israel has killed so many innocent civilians, and also the attack of UN school and hospitals.

We would like to demand honestly that Israel would stop military attack immediately and ensure the safety for the civilian in Gaza under international human rights law and International humanitarian law.

We also would like to demand sincerely such an environment the many injured and patients would be under appropriate medical treatment and carry in needed medical supplies, the necessity like food and electricity.

President Makoto UEDA
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APLA(Alternative People's Linkage in Asia)

2-4-15, Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

Consumers' Cooperative AI coop Miyagi (15,531 members)

3-4-17, Hinode-cho, Miyagino-ku, Sendai-shi, Miyagi

DAICHI WO MAMORU KAI (193,000 members)

1-3, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba

Green Coop Consumers' Cooperative Union (377,069 members)

1-5-1, Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka

Palsystem Consumer's Cooperative Union (1,378,000 members)

2-2-6, Okubo, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

Seikatsu Club Consumers' Cooperative Union (341,000 members, including Seikatsu

Club Consumers' Cooperative Nara, Osaka, Toshiseikatsu, Shiga and S-COOP OSAKA)

6-24-20, Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo

Seikatsu Club Consumers' Cooperative Nara (2,730 members)

913, Tanaka-cho, Yamatokoriyama-shi, Nara

Seikatsu Club Consumers' Cooperative Osaka (15,920members)

1-21-4, Shimizu, Ibarakishi-shi, Osaka

Seikatsu Club Consumers' Cooperative Toshiseikatsu (13,242 members)

78-2, Kamiashihara, Kamiyamaguchi, Yamaguchi-cho 651-1421, Nishinomiya-shi,
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Seikatsu Club Consumers' Cooperative Shiga (1,322members)

110-8, Furutakacho, Moriyama-shi, Shiga

Consumers' Cooperative S-COOP OSAKA (17,939 members)

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