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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY SERVICE

HE António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
1st Avenue and 46th Street
New York, New York 10017

RE: The Appointment of a Special Adviser Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 2379

Your Excellency:

By way of re-introduction, the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ) is an international not-for-profit law firm located in Strasbourg, France, dedicated to protecting human rights and religious freedom in Europe and around the world. The ECLJ holds Special Consultative Status as an NGO before the United Nations. The ECLJ has submitted numerous written and oral statements to the United Nations Human Rights Council on the subject underlying this correspondence. The ECLJ respectfully submits this correspondence on behalf of its members and over 737,000 people who have signed our petition to recognise and end genocide. These signatories represent 191 nations and territories.

On 16 October 2017, we sent you a letter urging you to take immediate action to comply with the requirements of Security Council Resolution 2379 by appointing a Special Adviser to head the Investigative Team¹. We write, in part, to thank you for your diligent action in moving forward in that process by submitting the Terms of Reference to the Security Council for approval.

Now that the Security Council has approved your Terms of Reference, we respectfully and solemnly urge you to expeditiously appoint a Special Adviser who can then begin to immediately assemble an Investigative Team to collect and preserve evidence of the ISIS genocide. As evidence collection is crucial for holding ISIS members accountable for their egregious actions and crimes as well as bringing justice to the victims, it is imperative to begin this process without delay.

We also urge you to make the influence and resources of your esteemed Office available to the Special Adviser and do all in your power to ensure thoroughness in the collection, documentation, and preservation of evidence to prosecute these grotesque ISIS atrocities,

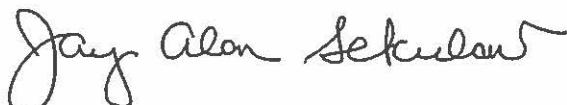
¹Letter from Jay Alan Sekulow & Robert W. Ash, European Centre for Law & Justice, to HE António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations (16 Oct. 2017), available at http://media.aclj.org/pdf/LTR-Guterres-10-16-17_Redacted.pdf.



including genocide, as required by Security Council Resolution 2379 and the Terms of Reference. This critical investigation will no doubt provide your Office with resources necessary to protect the victims of these atrocities in fulfillment of the international community's responsibility to protect. We thank you for your commitment to this issue and for your continuing attention to our concerns.

We stand ready to work with you and the soon-to-be-appointed Special Adviser and are prepared to assist in any way possible. Specifically, we are eager to connect the Special Adviser and Investigative Team with key partners on the ground in Iraq who will prove invaluable to the mission at hand.

Respectfully submitted,



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