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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY SERVICE

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the United States
of America to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

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

Dear Ambassador Haley:

By way of re-introduction, the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) is an organization dedicated to the defense of constitutional liberties secured by law. ACLJ attorneys have argued before the Supreme Court of the United States and other federal and state courts in a number of significant cases involving the freedoms of speech and religion. The ACLJ and its international affiliates – including the European Centre for Law and Justice (ECLJ), which is credentialed as an NGO before the United Nations – defend human rights and religious liberty around the world.

We welcome the announcement that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has negotiated a deal with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to ensure that a substantial portion of the money that USAID has donated will go directly to Christians and other minority victims of genocide.¹ USAID has already provided \$75 million of the promised \$150 million, with \$55 million of the first \$75 million to go specifically towards helping religious and ethnic minorities victimized by the ISIS genocide in the Ninewa Province.²

We thank you for working to provide Christians and those most affected by the ISIS genocide with the financial aid they so desperately need. This deal is a massive step forward in accountability, as the U.S. will now have direct access to and oversight of the U.N.'s aid

¹Press Release, USAID, Continued U.S. Assistance to Better Meet the Needs of Minorities in Iraq (Jan. 8, 2018), available at <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jan-8-2018-continued-us-assistance-to-better-meet-the-needs-of-minorities-in-iraq>.

²*Id.*

operations as they relate to Christian genocide victims. Such oversight has been severely lacking. Much of the aid that has been delivered has been, thus far, diverted away from Christians. This oversight will ensure the aid that has been promised actually reaches Christians and other religious minority victims.

We also thank you for your work on Security Council Resolution 2379. Resolution 2379 is a vital step in providing the relief that Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq earnestly need and the justice they most assuredly deserve. It is also a crucial step in sending the message that such barbaric behavior will not be tolerated by the international community.

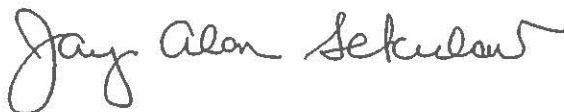
Now that the Security Council has approved the Terms of Reference, we respectfully and solemnly urge you to use whatever means are available to you to ensure that the right person is tasked with leading the Investigative Team. This Special Adviser will play a pivotal role in providing current and future relief for and facilitating the ultimate and lasting resettlement of the victims of the ISIS genocide.

We also urge you to pressure those accountable to ensure, as is required by Security Council Resolution 2379 and the Terms of Reference, thoroughness in the collection, documentation, and preservation of evidence to prosecute these grotesque ISIS atrocities. This critical investigation will no doubt provide the Security Council with resources necessary to fulfill the international community's responsibility to protect the victims of these genocidal atrocities.

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.

We commend you for your commitment and efforts in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,



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