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Mr. Benjanim Netanyahu
Prime Minister of the State of Israel

Subject: Clearance Revenues

Mr. Prime Minister,

I wish to bring to your attention the severe consequences of halting the transfer of clearance revenues to the Palestinian Authority, and specifically the ongoing harm to the healthcare system in the Palestinian territories.

According to testimonies and information we have received from healthcare personnel on the ground, the non-transfer of funds has led to an unprecedented crisis in the functioning of hospitals and clinics. Doctors, nurses, and other medical staff members have not received their salaries for many months, a situation that prevents them from reaching their workplaces and providing basic medical care to the population.

Among other things, it was reported that:

- Many doctors accepted into medical residencies are unable to start or continue their training due to their salaries being withheld. This critically impacts the next generation of medical specialists and compromises the long-term recovery of the healthcare system.
- Due to the financial crisis, doctors and medical staff have declared a general strike- not for political reasons, but because they cannot even fund the travel costs to get to the hospitals and clinics.
- All elective and semi-urgent surgeries have been suspended for over a year. This means that patients with treatable medical conditions are deteriorating, developing complications, and even losing their lives while waiting for care.



- Many community clinics have been closed for months, and there is a severe shortage of essential medications. According to reports, most medicine stocks have already run out, and the remaining supply is expected to be depleted in the near future.

This situation is not only a severe humanitarian crisis, but it also has direct implications for public health and regional stability. A collapse of the Palestinian healthcare system could lead to the spread of diseases, exacerbate civilian distress, and deepen security instability.

In light of the above, I request that you reconsider the policy of withholding clearance revenues, specifically regarding the healthcare sector, and find a way to transfer the funds in a manner that ensures they are used solely for these purposes. It is important for me to note that we are not raising the fundamental question regarding the decision to freeze these funds, but rather focusing strictly on the impact of this decision on the healthcare sector and the basic functioning of the Palestinian healthcare system.

Sincerely,

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