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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:25 AM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; DRL-MLGA-DL; Mayfield, Kay (DRL); Johnstone, Kari A (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT -- Clearance needed Monday afternoon  
**Attachments:** statement - 2010 04 31 - flotilla2.doc; 31 May 2010 - draft SC Chamber statement.docx; 2010-06-01 HRC 14. Flotilla EOv.docx

**Importance:** High

Attached are the Wollf statement from yesterday, the draft Donohoe intervention to be delivered shortly (if not already), and the draft EOv as it stands now.

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I would very much appreciate the chance to sit down with you and get your marching orders if you have any time at all. Things are moving fast. Thanks, joe

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**From:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
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**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Stanfield, Emily; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Hilton, Olivia P; Kovach, Peter J; Martone, Stephanie L; Mayfield, Kay (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: 6/1 Morning meeting- Satloff documentary--Jeff Feltman

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**From:** Berglund, Katherine H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** Hussain, Rashad; Pandith, Farah A; Wells, Alice G; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Pisani, Kristen L; Schlicher, Ronald L; Waller, Robert P; Posner, Michael H; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Djerassi, Alexander M; Dennis, Chanel N; Ratney, Michael A; Stanfield, Emily; Reed, Julia G; Kovach, Peter J; Hilton, Olivia P  
**Subject:** RE: 6/1 Morning meeting- Satloff documentary

Hello all,

Just a quick update - I just got a call from Erin Pelton, who confirmed that A/S Feltman will attend the entire event this afternoon, including the Q and A.

Best, Kate

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**From:** Hussain, Rashad  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:12 AM  
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**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Djerassi, Alexander M; Dennis, Chanel N; Ratney, Michael A; Stanfield, Emily; Reed, Julia G; Kovach, Peter J; Hilton, Olivia P  
**Subject:** RE: 6/1 Morning meeting- Satloff documentary

**From:** Berglund, Katherine H  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 1:29 PM  
**To:** Pandith, Farah A; Wells, Alice G; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Pisani, Kristen L; Schlicher, Ronald L; Waller, Robert P; Hussain, Rashad; Posner, Michael H; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Djerassi, Alexander M; Dennis, Chanel N; Ratney, Michael A; Stanfield, Emily; Reed, Julia G; Kovach, Peter J; Hilton, Olivia P  
**Subject:** Re: 6/1 Morning meeting- Satloff documentary

Looping in Kathy Fitzpatrick and Olivia Hilton from DRL.

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**From:** Berglund, Katherine H

**To:** Pandith, Farah A; Wells, Alice G; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Pisani, Kristen L; Schlicher, Ronald L; Waller, Robert P; Hussain, Rashad; Posner, Michael H

**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Djerassi, Alexander M; Dennis, Chanel N; Ratney, Michael A; Stanfield, Emily; Reed, Julia G; Kovach, Peter J

**Sent:** Mon May 31 12:30:24 2010

**Subject:** 6/1 Morning meeting- Satloff documentary

Hello all,

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Are you available to join us for a 9:00 am meeting in room 6810?

Thanks very much, and happy Memorial Day.

Best,  
Kate

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**From:** Pandith, Farah A

**To:** Wells, Alice G; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Pisani, Kristen L; Schlicher, Ronald L; Waller, Robert P; Hussain, Rashad

**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Berglund, Katherine H

**Sent:** Mon May 31 10:26:28 2010

**Subject:** Vips for satloff documentary

Here's the list of VIPs.

Kate is trying to organize a quick connect in the AM.

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**From:** Kate Berglund <kate.berglund@gmail.com>

**To:** Pandith, Farah A; Berglund, Katherine H; Chandler, Karen R

**Sent:** Mon May 31 10:18:11 2010

**Subject:** Fwd: Fw: Invitation to Department of State Screening of 'Among the Righteous', Tues., June 1, 2010 2pm

Farah- Here is the list of NEA VIPs for tomorrow's event. There is one Ambassador on the list (Bahrain). The DCMs from the Embassies of Qatar, Morocco, Jordan, and Tunisia will be there. The political counselor, Second Secretary, and Attache of the Egyptian Embassy are coming as well as two representatives from the Iraqi Embassy (the Second and Third secretaries).

The event starts at 2:00 and you have a pretty open schedule in the morning to meet with people. I think we can get this on the schedule right away in the morning since we have time to play with, but let me know if you'd like me to take further steps today. Thanks, Kate

Al-Mannai, Essa	Qatari DCM
omar youssef	Egyptian political counselor
Ambassador Huda Nonoo	Ambassador Bahrain
WASSANE ZAILACHI	DCM Morocco
Walid Abdel Rahman J. Al Hadid	Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Jordan

Amgad Ahmed Rezk Mohamed	Attache, Egypt Embassy
Zaidoon A. Abdulwahab	Embassy of Iraq, Second Secretary

Mays Sabri	Embassy of Iraq, third secretary
Ahmed Hafez	Egypt Embassy, Second Secretary
TAREK BEN YOUSSEF	DCM EMBASSY OF TUNISIA

Non-NEA VIPs:

Vrailas, Ioannis	DCM Greek Embassy
ALIEU MOMODOU NGUM	Gambian Ambassador

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From: **Berglund, Katherine H** <BerglundKH@state.gov>

Date: Mon, May 31, 2010 at 10:02 AM

Subject: Fw: Invitation to Department of State Screening of 'Among the Righteous', Tues., June 1, 2010 2pm

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**From:** Hilton, Olivia P

**To:** Pisani, Kristen L; Dennis, Chanel N; Anchukaitis, Jeffrey S; Berglund, Katherine H; Stanfield, Emily; Ratney, Michael A

**Cc:** Mcanelly, Darin S; Kovach, Peter J; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M

**Sent:** Fri May 28 18:31:14 2010

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to Department of State Screening of 'Among the Righteous', Tues., June 1, 2010 2pm

Hi, everyone. FYI, here is the latest list – a total of 165 RSVPs, with more coming in. Best, Olivia

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**From:** Mcanelly, Darin S

**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 6:20 PM

**To:** Hilton, Olivia P

**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Department of State Screening of 'Among the Righteous', Tues., June 1, 2010 2pm

We are up to 102 external guests, 62 internal for a total of 165 RSVP's.

Of those, 16 are members of the press representing 9 countries. 2 Ambassadors, 5 DCM's, 5 other embassy representatives for a total of 9 countries represented.

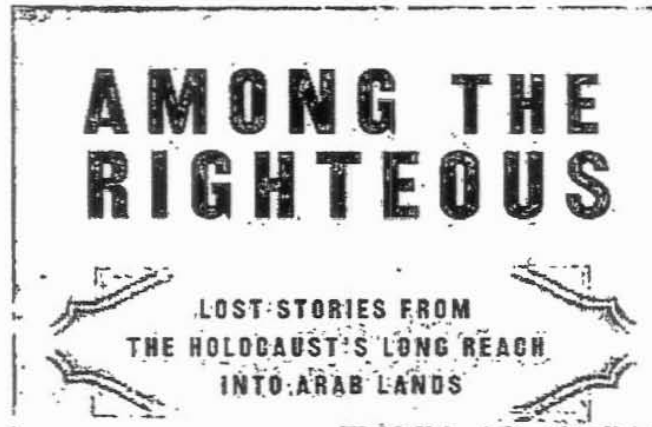
Very exciting! I'm sending out the instructions now to all of the outside guests. I will send a special message to the ambassadors and the DCM's that the desks will meet letting them know that they will be escorted and don't need to pass through security. I'm just going to tell the press to meet Alex.

Have a great weekend, see you Tuesday morning!



Darin

**On behalf of Undersecretary of State Bill Burns,  
you are cordially invited to a  
screening of the documentary film**



**Tuesday, June 1, 2 - 4 pm**

(Please arrive at 1:45 pm to clear security)

**George C Marshall Conference Center**

**U.S. Department of State**

**21<sup>st</sup> Street and D Street NW**

Filmed in eight countries across North Africa, the Middle East and Europe, "Among the Righteous" is the untold story of what happened to the half-million Jews in North Africa under Nazi, Vichy and Fascist occupation and the roles that local Arabs played in saving Jews facing persecution. Produced by MacNeil-Lehrer Productions and originally broadcast on PBS as part its Holocaust Remembrance series in April, this hour-long film reveals surprising discoveries

about the past that can help challenge how Arabs and Jews view this part of Holocaust history today.

The showing will be preceded by a reception and followed by a panel discussion. The entire event will be on-the-record.

Participants:

- Bill Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs
- Michael Posner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor
- Rashad Hussain, Special Envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference
- Farah Pandith, Special Representative to Muslim Communities
- Hannah Rosenthal, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism
- Dr. Robert Satloff, Author of "Among the Righteous" and Executive Director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy

RSVP to [McanellyDS@state.gov](mailto:McanellyDS@state.gov) by **May 28** with your name, date of birth and passport or driver's license number. For security reasons this information is required to enter the building.

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**From:** Anderson, Gerald C  
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**To:** Cue, Lourdes C; [REDACTED] Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; [REDACTED] Ashraf, Madeeha S; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; [REDACTED] Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; [REDACTED] Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W  
**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Geneva HRC; Cassidy, Joseph P; DRL-MLGA-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; IO-HR-DL; Wells, Alice G  
**Subject:** Vote at HRC on Gaza Flotilla delayed until Tuesday am Geneva time

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Deadline for final clearance of the U.S. EO is now COB today. IO will work further to accommodate concerns expressed in the clearance process thus far and circulate a new version shortly.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:05 AM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** Rosenthal, Hannah S; Hilton, Olivia P; McLaren, Alexander J  
**Subject:** RE: P's remarks

I think these say what needs to be said nicely keeping the focus on the film. Peter

**Peter J. Kovach**  
**Director - Office of International Religious Freedom (DRL/IRF)**  
**Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor**  
**U.S. Department of State**  
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**To:** Posner, Michael H; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** Rosenthal, Hannah S; Kovach, Peter J; Hilton, Olivia P; McLaren, Alexander J  
**Subject:** FW: P's remarks

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**From:** Pisani, Kristen L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Pandith, Farah A; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Hussain, Rashad; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Berglund, Katherine H; Hilton, Olivia P; Catalano, Elisa  
**Subject:** P's remarks

Many thanks,  
Kristen

**Kristen Pisani**  
Special Assistant  
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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph.P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:16 AM  
**To:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Cc:** DRL-FO-DL  
**Subject:** FW: The Flotilla to Gaza - Close-Up Footage of Mavi Marmara Passengers Attacking IDF Soldiers

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Per our meeting this morning.

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**From:** Oren Anolik [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 10:53 AM  
**Subject:** The Flotilla to Gaza - Close-Up Footage of Mavi Marmara Passengers Attacking IDF Soldiers

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There is a lot that is being said and written regarding the unfortunate events on board the Mavi Marmara ship which took part in the Flotilla to Gaza.

I found the attached short footage helpful (although uneasy to watch) to better understand the reality the Israeli soldiers faced as they boarded the ship.

This is a close-Up footage of the ship's passengers attacking and beating the soldiers as they set foot on the ship  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LuDJh4fWl>

Oren

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Many thanks,  
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**To:** Nossel, Suzanne F; [REDACTED]; Littlejohn, J.R.; Goldberger, Thomas H; [REDACTED]; Cassayre, Mark J; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Brimmer, Esther D; Barks-Ruggles, Erica J; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Cassidy, Joseph P; Anderson, Gerald C; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Wells, Alice G; Ostermeier, Amy A  
**Subject:** Re: Instructions - questions

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We just finished with Palestinians/OiC etc  
 I am hosting dinner for SP in one hour and would like to download before then.  
 Mark and Melanie are coming to dinner as well (our focus at dinner was going to be Iran)  
 Please advise re call before 7pm

**From:** Nossel, Suzanne F  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Littlejohn, J.R.; Goldberger, Thomas H; [REDACTED]; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; [REDACTED]; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Brimmer, Esther D; Barks-Ruggles, Erica J; Ashraf, Madeeha S  
**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Cassidy, Joseph P; Anderson, Gerald C; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Wells, Alice G; Ostermeier, Amy A  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 11:20:20 2010  
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**From:** Nossel, Suzanne F

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 9:03 AM

**To:** [redacted]; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Bass, Warren; [redacted]; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; [redacted]; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; [redacted]; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W

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**Subject:** Re: Instruction and EOv for HRC vote - clearance by 10 AM EST

Latest word is absent significant changes to the text (which we don't expect) EU may collectively abstain.

**From:** Shapiro, Daniel B. [redacted]

**To:** Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; [redacted]; [redacted]; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Busby, Scott W. [redacted]; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; Kumar, Prem G. [redacted]; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W

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**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Geneva HRC; Cassidy, Joseph P; DRL-MLGA-DL; Anderson, Gerald C; Feltman, Jeffrey D; IO-HR-DL

**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 08:58:25 2010

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**From:** Powell, Catherine [mailto:PowellC@state.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:56 AM

**To:** Ostermeier, Amy A; Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; [redacted]; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Busby, Scott W.; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M; Shapiro, Daniel B.; Kumar, Prem G.; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Germain, Ellen J (USUN); Schedlbauer, Amy W

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**Subject:** Re: Instruction and EOv for HRC vote - clearance by 10 AM EST

Looping in Bill Burke-White and Dafna Rand for S/P.

**From:** Ostermeier, Amy A

**To:** Bass, Warren; Nossel, Suzanne F; 'jpcassidy'; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J;

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**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 08:49:16 2010

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Thanks to Warren and Scott for their suggestions.

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Many thanks,

Amy

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**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H; Geneva HRC; Cassidy, Joseph P; DRL-MLGA-DL

**Subject:** Re: Instruction and EOv for HRC vote tomorrow - clearance by 10 AM EST

Adding USUN/NY and NSC/NENA. [REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED] Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine; Ostermeier, Amy A; Aswad, Evelyn M; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Legal-HRR-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C; Simon, Jennifer J; Bass, Warren; [REDACTED]; Perina, Alexandra H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Pomper, Stephen E; Donahoe, Eileen C; Cassayre, Mark J; Khanna, Melanie J; Griffiths, Douglas M

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[REDACTED]

Many thanks,  
Suzanne

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**The Grave Attacks by Israeli Forces Against the Humanitarian Boat Convoy**

Guided by the purposes and the principles of the United Nations Charter, as well as by the provisions of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights,

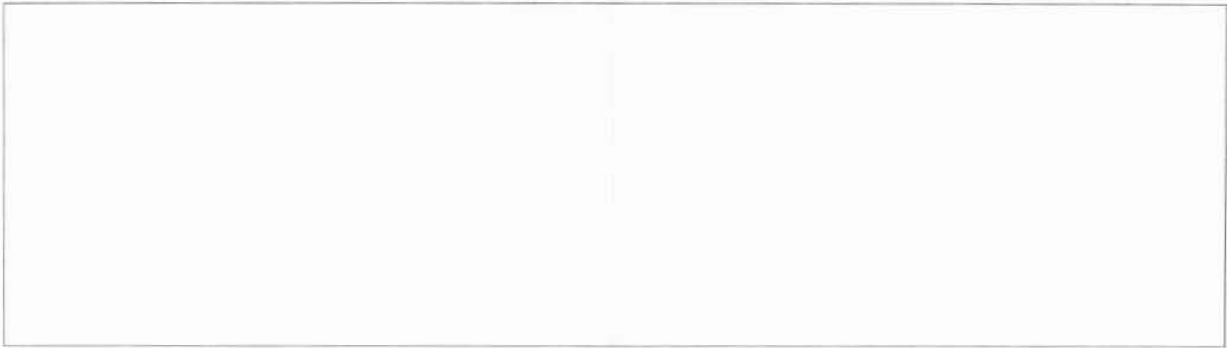
Taking into consideration the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention for the protection of civilian persons in times of war of 12 August 1949,

Emphasizing the importance of the safety and well-being of all civilians including humanitarian personnel,

Expressing grave concern also at the deepening humanitarian crisis in Occupied Gaza,

Emphasizing the need to ensure sustained and regular flow of goods and people into Occupied Gaza and welcoming the initiatives aimed at creating and opening humanitarian corridors and other mechanisms for the sustained delivery of humanitarian aid;

1. Condemns in the strongest terms possible the outrageous attack by the Israeli forces against the humanitarian flotilla of ships which resulted in the killing and injuring of many innocent civilians from different countries;
2. Deeply deplores the loss of life of innocent civilians and expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims and their families;
3. Requests the ICRC to seek and provide information on the whereabouts status and condition of the detained and injured persons
4. Demands the Occupying Power Israel to immediately release all detained men and material and facilitate their safe



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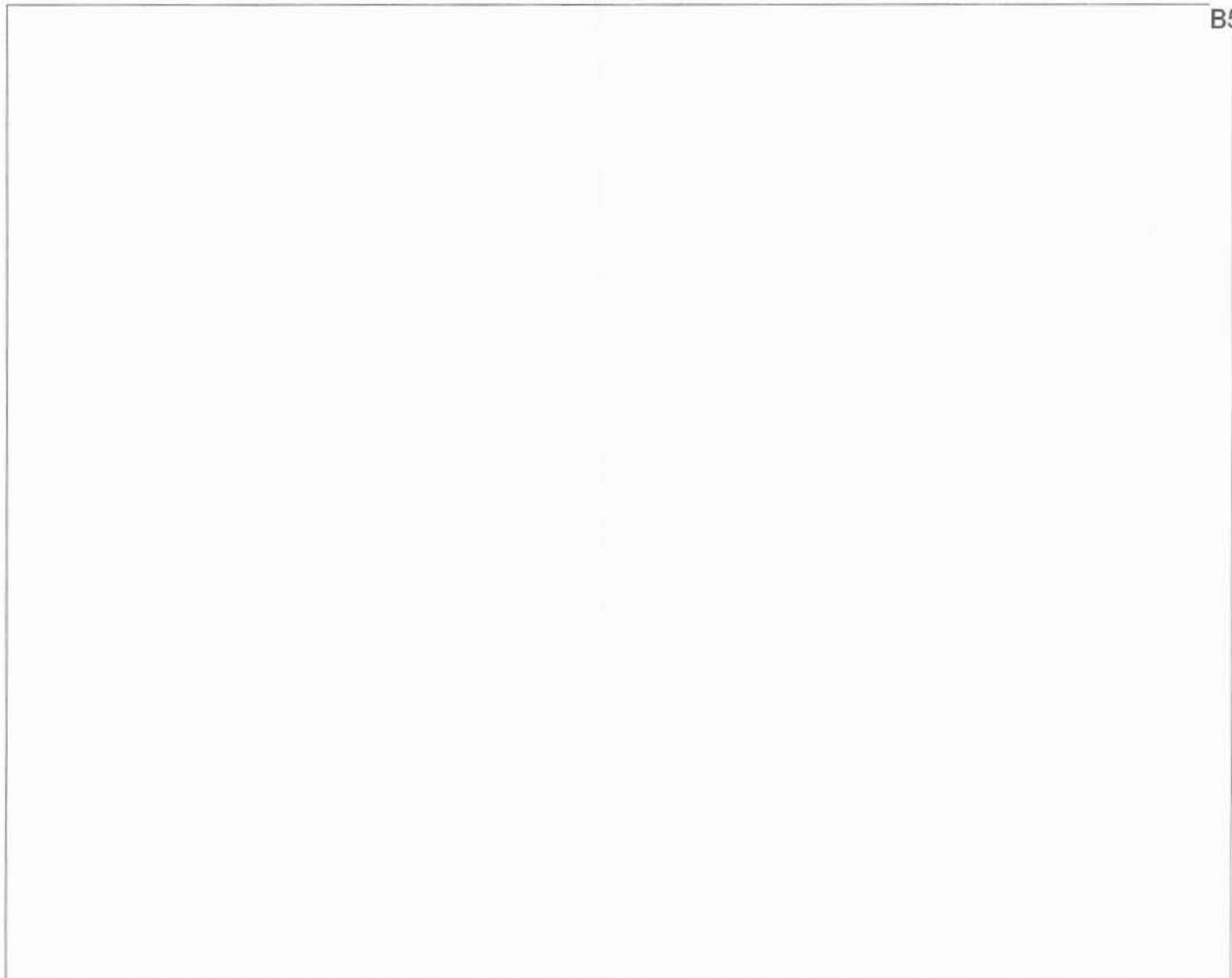
**From:** Joseph Cassidy [redacted]  
**To:** Ashraf, Madeeha S; Cue, Lourdes C; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Wecker, John A; Powell, Catherine;  
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**Sent:** Mon May 31 16:37:03 2010

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**Cc:** Rosenthal, Hannah S; Kovach, Peter J; McLaren, Alexander J  
**Subject:** RE: P's remarks

I've let P staff know.

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**From:** Stanfield, Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:08 PM  
**To:** Hilton, Olivia P; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Rosenthal, Hannah S; Kovach, Peter J; McLaren, Alexander J  
**Subject:** RE: P's remarks

Sorry I'm just now responding – Mike is not/not on the panel. Thanks!

Emily Stanfield  
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Many thanks,  
Kristen

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**Subject:** RE: Clearance: flotilla guidance

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**Cc:** Kovach, Peter J; McLaren, Alexander J; Hilton, Olivia P  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 12:07 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Clearance: flotilla guidance

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 11:49 AM

**To:** Hussain, Rashad; NEA-Press-DL; Goldberger, Thomas H; Pandith, Farah A; Wecker, John A; Aguilera, Patricia; Powell, Catherine; Cue, Lourdes C

**Cc:** McLaren, Alexander J; Rosenthal, Hannah S

**Subject:** Clearance: flotilla guidance

**Importance:** High

Hi everyone,

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**Subject:** RE: Flotilla Update  
**Importance:** High

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**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** Flotilla Update  
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**To:** Posner, Michael H; Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** FW: MFA on cabinet meeting--more on Israeli cabinet meeting  
  
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**To:** Cunningham, James B; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Marsh, Denise M; [REDACTED] Silliman, Douglas A  
**Cc:** Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
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**Cc:** Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 23:20:42 2010  
**Subject:** Re: MFA on cabinet meeting

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From: Sievers, Marc J

To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group

Cc: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Connelly, Maura

Sent: Tue Jun 01 23:08:22 2010

Subject: MFA on cabinet meeting

MFA [REDACTED] called me to update on deportation authority. Cabinet decided it has authority to expedite departure of all detainees not suspected of attacking Israeli military personnel. This apparently covers all those in detention in Beer Sheva. They will still be asked to sign release form, but oral request to leave Israel will be accepted.

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Cabinet decided, however, to support police request to detain for possible investigation and perhaps prosecution those who are suspected of attacking Israeli military. He said this means basically all the wounded currently in hospitals and a small number of those in Beer Sheva will be held at least for a few more days while Attorney General decides how to proceed, it's not clear yet whether they will put any of them on trial. I noted this would scuttle understanding reached with Turks about evacuating Turkish wounded. He said that was correct.

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**To:** Anderson, Gerald C; Cue, Lourdes C; [REDACTED] Bass, Warren; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Aguilera, Patricia; Littlejohn, J.R.; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Knopf, Payton L; Goldberger, Thomas H; Scott, W. Busby; [REDACTED]  
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Looping in Dafna Rand and William Burke-White for S/P.

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Few edits to reflect the Secretary's comments earlier this afternoon.

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All, Erica Barks-Ruggles and I clear for USUN/W with the following edits. We'd also welcome comments from Ambassador Wolff, who's been deep in the trenches on this one in New York, should he want to weigh in.

Thanks much.  
 Warren

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**Cc:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** FW: Daily Press Briefing - with Philip J. Crowley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs  
**Importance:** High

Wanted to make sure everyone saw this. [REDACTED]

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**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, the Secretary conveyed to Foreign Minister Davutoglu primarily what she conveyed in her press availability that you heard a short time ago, that we support the Security Council's call for a prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. We support an Israeli investigation and – but we're open to different ways of ensuring a credible investigation, including international participation.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2010 8:45 PM  
**To:** Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group  
**Subject:** Daily Press Briefing - with Philip J. Crowley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs

The Gaza/flotilla-related discussion from today's Daily Press Briefing is excerpted below.

On-Camera Daily Press Briefing Index  
 Tuesday, June 1, 2010  
 3:41 p.m. (EDT)

Briefer: Philip J. Crowley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs

03:41 p.m. EDT

**REVIEW AUTHORITY:** Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

**MR. CROWLEY:** But I can report the Secretary had a very detailed, in-depth discussion with Foreign Minister Davutoglu. The first portion of the meeting was on the immediate situation with respect to the flotilla. The second half of the meeting regarded the situation with respect to Iran. I'll go into detail on that, I'm sure, through your questions.

**QUESTION:** P.J., I'm wondering if you can give us a bit of – a little bit of flavor of what the conversation between the Secretary and the Turkish foreign minister was. He had some pretty strong things to say this morning. His boss has had some pretty strong things to say as well. Is it safe to assume that – I mean, he came out and said that he wanted the United States to condemn this act. Neither the Secretary nor the spokesman at the White House would do that. Is it fair to say that there's still not a meeting of the minds on this between the U.S. and Turks?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Actually, not at all. It was a – obviously, very in-depth discussion lasting far longer than had been originally scheduled. And throughout the meeting, both the Secretary and Foreign Minister Davutoglu more than once said, look, we are here as allies and we have a shared interest in working through what are very tragic circumstances that have created significant emotions in the region. The foreign minister talked about Turkey's immediate concern,

which is the return of their citizens and Turkish citizens who were tragically killed in this episode. And the Secretary fully understood that. In fact, we have our own concerns and are providing consular assistance today to roughly 11 American citizens who were part of the flotilla.

And so in our conversations that we've had subsequently with Israeli officials, we have again stressed the importance of moving ahead and releasing citizens from a wide range of countries, not just Turkey, even as Israel goes through and begins its own investigation of what happened.

**QUESTION:** Well, yeah, but you still haven't condemned this. Was the conversation at all heated? Why was there the need for the foreign minister to make a phone call to his -- to the prime minister?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I mean, that was simply about the sequence of events. You've got the foreign minister has met -- since he met with Secretary Clinton, he has also met with the National Security Council Advisor General Jones and working through and teeing up having those meetings prior to a call. So it was just a matter of rescheduling the President's call and making sure that the -- we had preliminary meetings with the Secretary and the National Security Advisor first.

**QUESTION:** Did their conversation enter into the Gaza situation, deeper into that situation? And I assume that there are disagreements there on the role of Hamas. Did they broach these subjects?

**MR. CROWLEY:** No, they weren't discussed. Clearly, there -- the foreign minister went through some background from a Turkish standpoint and the preparations that they had made and discussions they had had with Israeli Government officials prior to the launching of the flotilla. But this was primarily focused on understanding where we are now and what should be done in the short and intermediate term.

**QUESTION:** Did the Turks agree with the idea of an Israeli probe of what happened or did they push more for foreign participation, international participation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, the Secretary conveyed to Foreign Minister Davutoglu primarily what she conveyed in her press availability that you heard a short time ago, that we support the Security Council's call for a prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. We support an Israeli investigation and -- but we're open to different ways of ensuring a credible investigation, including international participation.

Now, Turkey will have its own judgment as to any investigation it might undertake, since this was a Turkish ship among other international --

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible.)

**MR. CROWLEY:** I mean, and Foreign Minister Davutoglu did say, and we fully understand, that this is not just an incident that involves Turkey and Israel. A number of countries, including the United States, obviously had citizens and flagged vessels as part of this flotilla.

**QUESTION:** On the investigation --

**QUESTION:** Can I --

**MR. CROWLEY:** One at a time.

**QUESTION:** Can I follow on something Matt said and some -- and one of the ways you've answered the -- where we go from here, or the meeting upstairs with the foreign minister? First of all with the foreign minister, did he ask her assistance, Secretary Clinton's assistance, in talking to the Israelis about freeing the ship or freeing Turkish citizens or getting them released?

And secondly, you mentioned 11 Americans. I'm led to believe there were at least 14 that are still there. Perhaps there are different categories.

**MR. CROWLEY:** There have been some American citizens who have already departed Israel. I would just simply say I think we provided consular services for 11 today.

**QUESTION:** Still in detention? They are -- those -- the 11 are still in detention?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I think those 11 are still being held, yes.

**QUESTION:** On the investigation --

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible.)

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**MR. CROWLEY:** All right, hold on. Again, one at a time.

**QUESTION:** The other part of the question about did the foreign minister ask Secretary Clinton's assistance in talking to the Israelis on Turkey's behalf?

**MR. CROWLEY:** The -- well, the Turkish Government has been in touch with the Israeli Government. I think they have a couple of aircraft that have already arrived at Ben Gurion and they are understandably anxious to bring those who are killed, injured, but other Turkish citizens, back to Turkey. He stressed that a couple -- a number of times. The Secretary indicated that we would convey Turkey's desires to Israel and we have done that.

**QUESTION:** What would participation look like in an investigation -- can I (inaudible)?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Sure.

**QUESTION:** Because you said impartial and transparent and so on investigation, then an Israel investigation. Are those two separate things or are we supporting -- or are you supporting just an Israeli investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We believe that Israel is in the best position to conduct an investigation of what transpired. And as we've said, we want to make sure it is prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent.

**QUESTION:** Why?

**QUESTION:** How would you determine that?

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible) the fox watching the henhouse here. I mean, you've said there's 11 Americans involved in this. What other --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I said there -- no, let me clarify. I said that we've provided consular services to 11 Americans today.

**QUESTION:** Okay. A foreign military boarded a ship in international waters, assaulted its passengers, handcuffed and beat some of those passengers, many of them humanitarian activists, and you're saying you're not prepared to send U.S. investigators. I mean, this is clearly a case of the fox watching the henhouse.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, you're making some presumptions in those -- in your question.

**QUESTION:** What's the presumption? You said there's 11 --



**MR. CROWLEY:** No, no, no, you characterized what happened on the ship. We are still trying to ascertain precisely what happened on that ship.

**QUESTION:** Then will you send investigators from the United States to do an impartial --

**MR. CROWLEY:** As the Secretary indicated, we completely support what was described in the presidential statement last night in the UN and we are open to determine if there are opportunities for international participation in that investigation.

**QUESTION:** Would that include sending the FBI?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm not prepared to say what role the United States would have at this point.

**QUESTION:** P.J. --

**QUESTION:** P.J., this building has made it a point to criticize and to condemn human rights practices worldwide. These ships had aid, medical equipment including wheelchairs, building equipment. How essential is it right now that this equipment get to the Palestinians? How important is it that there -- that these materials are now sort of confiscated and not within the hands of those who desperately need it? Is this useful right now?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, first of all, I can't say right now what the status of the material that was on the ship -- certainly, again in the presidential statement, there was an encouragement, which we absolutely support, that that material be provided to the people of Gaza. As the Secretary said again today, we have pressed the Israelis to expand the amount of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza, and we will continue to work with the Israelis every day to try to make that happen.

Lachlan.

**QUESTION:** It's my understanding that before this flotilla was launched, there was some communication by the Israeli Government with the U.S. ambassador there about the possibility that U.S. citizens would be aboard some of these ships. And the Israelis have made no secret about what they were planning to do. They even put together a press pool to observe this. So I'm wondering, did the United States offer any words of caution to Israel before it undertook this attempt to stop these ships? Was there any kind of communication at any level, ambassador or from this building, to the Israeli Government saying you need to be careful and watch how you handle this situation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'll take that question. I believe the answer is yes, but I'm not in a position to characterize what our communication was prior to the launching of the flotilla.

**QUESTION:** Okay. And then further on that, what is the U.S. Government saying to Israel now about this? Because there is going to be another attempt, I think as early as tomorrow, to bring a ship into Gaza. Is the United States offering any words of caution to Israel that if you're going to try to stop it this time, do it differently?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, the Secretary had the opportunity to learn from the Israeli Government yesterday; Minister of Defense Barak called in to provide the Israeli perspective on this. And the Secretary, during that conversation, did express concern about the -- obviously, the loss of life, the injury, the impact that that's had on emotions in the region. And she did, at that point, express that for the United States, for Israel, for other countries, we should be extremely cautious in both what we say and what we do in coming days in light of what's transpired.

**QUESTION:** So what you're saying is that the message from the United States Government is that Israel should not use these same tactics the next time they encounter ships like this heading towards Gaza.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, as to what Israel does, we are obviously very aware that there is one or more ships that are still heading towards Gaza. This is a very serious incident that's occurred. The loss of life is tragic. The Secretary expressed our condolences to the Turks for their loss of life on board these ships. I think -- don't think anyone wants to see a repeat of what happened yesterday.

**QUESTION:** And could you just clarify a point of international law for me? Because the Israeli Government says that it's well within their rights to do what they did yesterday. They cite the Paragraph 62-A of the San Remo Manual; whereas the Turkish foreign minister this morning was quite emphatic that this took place in international waters and Israel had no right to board these ships. What is the opinion of the United States Government on this --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, not being an international lawyer, I'm not going to that from the podium. Clearly, that will be something that will be investigated, and I'm sure debated, as we go forward.

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible) -- understanding that Israel was acting in self-defense?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We certainly --

**QUESTION:** Although --

**MR. CROWLEY:** -- understand that Israel has a right to self-defense. Given the situation in Gaza, it has been subject to rocket attacks in the past. There is a state of hostility between Israel and Hamas. But as to particular questions of international law, I'll defer. That will be -- clearly be something that will be thoroughly debated and investigated.

**QUESTION:** You sound like you're saying that Israel had the right to defend itself here because of Palestinian rockets.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Israel has a right to self-defense, to be sure. That said, there is also a clear humanitarian need to provide material to the people of Gaza to help them subsist and rebuild, and we recognize that as well.

**QUESTION:** In this incident, you see its right to self-defense being applied?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm -- as we've said, we regret the tragic loss of life here. We've called for a prompt, credible, transparent investigation. We are still trying to determine what happened on that ship. I'm not going to prejudge the investigation from here.

**QUESTION:** Doesn't this provide the Obama Administration an opening? It said early on its first months in office that it wanted to repair its relations with the Arab and Muslim world. This crisis has proven, many believe, that Israel is acting as a strategic liability. The U.S. has ways of ending the crisis in Gaza, the starving of the 1.6 million of the civilian population. They have assets, humanitarian assets, ships. Would the U.S. consider breaking with coordinating with Israel some sort of siege to let humanitarian goods and medical services into the strip?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We -- as I just said -- I can repeat what I just said. We clearly have supported the expansion of humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza. As the Secretary and others have said, the situation in Gaza is unsustainable. We want to see how we can provide greater assistance to the people of Gaza --

**QUESTION:** What is the assistance you give now?

**MR. CROWLEY:** -- but -- let me finish -- but clearly, while protecting Israel's legitimate right of self-defense.

**QUESTION:** What is the assistance you're giving now? There was 900 million pledged last year. What's happened to it?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'll be happy to take that question.

**QUESTION:** Can I change topics for a second?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm sure not yet.

QUESTION: Can I just clarify a few things? You mentioned the 11 that you have provided consular access to. Can you give us the total number of Americans you believe were involved in the incident? There's been ranges up to 20 and down to lower than that.

MR. CROWLEY: Let me see what our latest information is.

QUESTION: Okay.

MR. CROWLEY: Because I don't -- I wasn't -- I've heard like 14.

QUESTION: Right. I've heard that one, yeah.

MR. CROWLEY: I don't think we had contact to all of them. There were some people who have manifested on these vessels, we haven't found them yet, so I'm not sure we've arrived at a --

QUESTION: Okay. And I have --

MR. CROWLEY: -- firm number of those involved.

QUESTION: I have a few more questions --

MR. CROWLEY: Go ahead.

QUESTION: -- if I can ask my colleagues' indulgence on. How many Americans injured? Do you have a list of those yet?

MR. CROWLEY: I'm only aware of one that received minor injuries and was treated yesterday at an Israeli hospital.

QUESTION: One you said, okay.

MR. CROWLEY: One.

QUESTION: Has -- have you heard anything from the Palestinians about their unwillingness to take part in further indirect peace talks -- in the proximity talks?

MR. CROWLEY: As far as I know, and I talked to George Mitchell a few minutes ago, he's planning to leave for the region later this afternoon and he has meetings planned as early as tomorrow with Palestinian officials.

QUESTION: (Off-mike.)

QUESTION: Hold on, hold on a second. I've got a couple more.

MR. CROWLEY: All right.

QUESTION: Just on the blockade, can you clarify the U.S. position? Do you think it should be lifted or do you think there's a legitimate Israeli reason for it?

MR. CROWLEY: We believe there are -- certainly, Israel has a right to be concerned about the nature of materials that is moving into Gaza. At the same time, we've long called for an expansion of humanitarian goods to the people of Gaza to help improve their situation on the ground.

**QUESTION:** Does that include the blockade?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm not going to get into issues of the blockade.

**QUESTION:** All right. And then my last question was -- I don't think you've sufficiently answered why the -- why an Israeli investigation could be at all independent and transparent. Why exactly -- why would you call, of all things, for an Israeli investigation of --

**MR. CROWLEY:** I think the term used in the presidential statement was "impartial" and we support that investigation and believe that Israel is in the best position to lead that investigation.

**QUESTION:** How can a party to the investigation be impartial if it's an investigation of itself? Why are they in the best position? Can you explain that?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I'm --

**QUESTION:** Well, I mean, just in --

**QUESTION:** I was going to ask the same question. It does not make sense.

**MR. CROWLEY:** We support the --

**QUESTION:** Especially judging from the --

**MR. CROWLEY:** We -- look, we support the statement from the UN release last night and that characterizes our position.

**QUESTION:** But why do you think Israel would be impartial in this investigation? If you judge by their media comments, they've already prejudged, which is something you say you don't want to do.

**MR. CROWLEY:** I -- again, I -- I don't agree with your -- you're leaping ahead here before --

**QUESTION:** Well, the --

**MR. CROWLEY:** -- the investigation has barely begun.

**QUESTION:** You say Israel is best positioned. You have just said a few minutes ago --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Right.

**QUESTION:** -- that Israel is best positioned. And you haven't answered his question about why that's so when they're part of this. And how can that be?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well --

**QUESTION:** (Off-mike.)

**QUESTION:** Just -- well, hold on. Just to clarify a point. I mean, just a moment ago you said the question of whether or not this was an -- under international law or not, was something to be addressed as part of an investigation. But the Israeli Government has already said its actions are permissible under their interpretation of international law. So how can they conduct an investigation that would examine the question of whether or not this took place --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Again, I'll just repeat what I just said. We believe that Israel is in the best position to carry out this investigation. As the Secretary said a short time ago, we are open to ideas on how there might be broader participation.

**QUESTION:** We're just asking you to explain your logic. We're not -- we just want to know why you think they're best positioned. Can't you explain that?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, these were Israeli forces that carried out this action and we think that that means that they're in the best position to investigate whether -- what the instructions were given to those forces, how they viewed the situation as they approached the flotilla, and what transpired on board that ship.

**QUESTION:** Will Abbas still come as scheduled?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Yes, President Abbas is -- will be here next week and will visit with the President on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**QUESTION:** So the fact that Mr. Netanyahu is no longer meeting with the President today, that is not putting off the calendar?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, as the -- the President and the prime minister talked multiple times yesterday and they agreed that they would reschedule their meeting as soon as possible.

**QUESTION:** Do you or the Turks or anyone else that you've talked to have any ideas about potential international participation in the investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Look, we're going to have these kinds of conversations in the coming days --

**QUESTION:** Well, I'm just asking if -- but have they -- have they happened already?

**MR. CROWLEY:** What -- has what happened?

**QUESTION:** Have ideas been thrown out about how there could be international participation --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Not to my knowledge.

**QUESTION:** -- in the investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Not yet.

**QUESTION:** So this is just -- so the Security Council statement is based on air? If there haven't been ideas tossed around or people haven't suggested different ways that there could be an international component to the investigation, how are you supporting it?

**MR. CROWLEY:** All right, let me clarify. We are -- we will look at how -- I mean, obviously, Turkey has a vital interest in this. Other countries have a vital interest in this. There are -- a number of citizens and ships from multiple countries that were involved in this. And we will work within the Council and more broadly to see how an international element can be introduced into this investigation.

**QUESTION:** Right. Well, just let me -- let's just look at a different example. Look at the South Korean ship incident, where you had numerous countries involved in that, with the South Koreans obviously taking the lead, but you were involved as well. I mean, is that something that -- is that something that --

**MR. CROWLEY:** We were invited to participate because we have a particular expertise that --

**QUESTION:** So it's up to Israel to invite people, whoever they want, to join their investigation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Look, I've just said we will help think through how to make this as credible and transparent, impartial, and prompt as possible.

**QUESTION:** But you believe though, right now, that Israel is capable of doing all -- meeting all those criteria on its own?

**MR. CROWLEY:** As a --

**QUESTION:** On its own.

**MR. CROWLEY:** As a vibrant democracy accountable to its people, we have every confidence that Israel is fully capable of investigating this.

**QUESTION:** Okay. Well, I think that was the answer to the question --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Okay.

**QUESTION:** -- that people were asking before. If that's what you believe, then that's -- that's fine.

**QUESTION:** But does a vibrant democracy arrest journalists, handcuff and beat them? Just that allegation in itself should absolve Israel from doing its own investigation.

**QUESTION:** I was wondering -- the Israelis have said that they believe the aid group was connected to terrorist groups -- al-Qaida. Do you agree? Does the State Department -- can you confirm that? Is there any truth to it?

**MR. CROWLEY:** I've got -- I don't know. I don't know on what basis -- I've heard that said. I'm not sure on what basis --

**QUESTION:** Can you take that question? I mean, it's -- because they cite -- one of the groups that they say they're connected to -- is a group that in 2008 the United States put on the state -- on the terrorism list.

**MR. CROWLEY:** I understand that.

**QUESTION:** So you should have some knowledge or understanding about it.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, part of this goes into the aspect of -- again, this should be part of the investigation in terms of who was on that ship, how was it organized. These vessels assembled somewhere between the coast of Turkey and Israeli waters, and so it might have been organized under one group's auspices, but we're very conscious of the fact that there were a number of people representing a variety of different NGOs on that ship.

**QUESTION:** Could you take the question?

**MR. CROWLEY:** What's -- so I just want to understand the question. Is -- what is our assessment of the IHH?

**QUESTION:** Yes.

**MR. CROWLEY:** All right. We'll take that question.

**QUESTION:** Will Turkey do its own investigation if the Israelis are doing their -- if, I mean --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, that's a matter to address to the Government of Turkey.

**QUESTION:** The prime minister said this morning that Turkey was not going to move forward with plans to try mediating a restart in the Israel-Syria indirect talks. I'm wondering if that came up in the meeting with the Secretary. And more



broadly, is there concern in the State Department that this is really going to torpedo any effort to get the kind of regional support for peace moves that you've been working for for the past year and a half?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, we certainly hope not. As the Secretary reiterated today and at various statements that we put out yesterday, we think that this incident underscores why we are trying to push ahead with a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, because ultimately, that is the only way that you avoid these kinds of situations in the future. So we are – that's why George Mitchell is going back to the region tonight and we want to see the proximity talks continue and lead to direct negotiations.

Now, during the course of the meeting, Foreign Minister Davutoglu reflected on the deep and rich history that Turkey has with Israel. Turkey has been one of Israel's closest friends in the region for 60 years. But as to what happens in light of this incident, I think that remains to be seen. But to the extent that Israel can address Turkey's very legitimate concerns about getting its citizens returned – and I suppose Turkey will be judging the nature of the Israeli investigation into this incident. And on that basis, different countries will determine what the implications are.

**QUESTION:** As you wait for the Israeli investigation, how much weight will you give to the statements of American citizens who were there, who were on those boats? Some of them have even released statements to the press denying Israeli allegations that they used white weapons and that everything they had was basically made out of plastic.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Again, that's why we have been very cautious in our statements until we have a better perspective on what actually happened on that ship and why we have called for a prompt, thorough, impartial, transparent investigation.

Jill.

**QUESTION:** P.J., the foreign minister this morning told some journalists that the one thing that they really want from the United States is condemnation of this action by the United States. Did that come up? Did he ask Secretary Clinton to do that? Was there any – if so, was there any answer by the Secretary?

**MR. CROWLEY:** It did not come up. He did not make that demand specifically in the meeting. And the Secretary reiterated during the meeting what she said afterwards, which is we have to have a careful, thoughtful approach to this going forward.

**QUESTION:** Did he make any demands or ask for anything for the United States directly to do?

**MR. CROWLEY:** We've already covered that. He indicated that Turkey's immediate focus was on the – on their citizens and the return of those who have been killed, injured, and others on board the ship. And we have conveyed Turkey's concern to the Israeli Government.

**QUESTION:** What coordination has the State Department had with the Egyptian Government? I saw that the Rafah crossing was supposed to be opened rather soon, at least temporarily.

**MR. CROWLEY:** I can't – at a high – I don't know how high a level. I think we've been in touch with a variety of capitals since yesterday to compare notes and to express our concern about moving forward in a cautious way. I don't know whether Egypt indicated to us in advance what they are prepared to do.

**QUESTION:** Has Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit been rescheduled?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Yes.

**QUESTION:** When will he come?

**QUESTION:** P.J. --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Right. The meeting that was supposed to be held today will be rescheduled. I don't know that there's a new date yet.

**QUESTION:** (Inaudible) in a conference call today said he thanked the United States profusely for the actions it took behind the scenes at the Security Council to -- quote, unquote -- "water down the resolution." What happened behind the scenes in the Security Council on -- what did the United States do to help out the Israelis?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I think it was a thorough debate over many hours. As with the case with statements that come out of the Security Council (inaudible) -- statement, words have meaning and we worked closely with a number of countries to make sure that going forward that there was significant action calling for an investigation, but making sure that any actions do not further inflame emotions in the region.

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Please find attached consolidated L suggestions on the EOv for your consideration. EA

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Few edits to reflect the Secretary's comments earlier this afternoon.

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All, Erica Barks-Ruggles and I clear for USUN/W with the following edits. We'd also welcome comments from Ambassador Wolff, who's been deep in the trenches on this one in New York, should he want to weigh in.

Thanks much.  
 Warren

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Gerald – P made the attached edits. Thx, Alice

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Colleagues: Attached is the OIC's resolution on the Gaza Flotilla incident – which we expect will be voted at the HRC tomorrow morning Geneva time. [REDACTED]

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We'd appreciate your clearance on the Explanation of Vote and the redlines listed below no later than 10 PM tonight. The explanation of vote incorporates edits received through the day and has been reviewed and okayed by many offices (G, S/P, DRL, NSC, L). If your office previously cleared, we will consider that clearance to hold unless we hear otherwise.

Please copy me, Suzanne Nossel, and Amy Ostermeier on your responses.

With thanks,

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Thanks to everyone  
 It truly takes a village!!!  
 Hannah

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Peter, you were excellent! And DRL's organizing was superb!

Thank you all. Nice job!  
 Farah

Ps

A special thanks to Kate who got us all together this morning from her blackberry on Memorial Day.

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Assume he will sit on the "panel", then. Peter

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Hello all,

Just a quick update - I just got a call from Erin Pelton, who confirmed that A/S Feltman will attend the entire event this afternoon, including the Q and A.

Best, Kate

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**Cc:** Mcanelly, Darin S; Kovach, Peter J; Rosenthal, Hannah S; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M

**Sent:** Fri May 28 18:31:14 2010

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:58 AM  
**To:** DRL-FO-DL; DRL-NESCA-DL  
**Cc:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Subject:** Flotilla vote count

**From:** Martin, Julie B  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:56 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Douglas M; Cassayre, Mark J; Nossel, Suzanne F; Donahoe, Eileen C; Khanna, Melanie J; Ostermeier, Amy A; Anderson, Gerald C; Cassidy, Joseph P; [REDACTED] Aswad, Evelyn M; Banos, Mariano H  
**Subject:** Re: Update on vote count

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#### Summary of Vote

Pakistan introduced the text of A/HRC/14/1, The Grave Attacks by Israeli Forces on the Humanitarian Boat Convoy

Pakistan noted that, although states engaged in negotiations in an effort to reach compromise, voices calling for anything less than an international investigation could not be accommodated.

#### Statements by Concerned Countries:

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Palestine: No impunity can be accepted for this atrocious crime. This step helps the Israeli govt to realize the blockade and seize of Gaza must be lifted. Security Council condemned the acts and fully supports establishment of a fact finding mission.

PBIs: estimate 530k based on Goldstone figures.

#### General Comments:

United States: EOV, call, vote no

France: Abstain, based on PRST call for impartial, credible investigation in a form that does not necessarily require an international fact finding mission

UK: Abstain, for same reason

Netherlands: No, for same reason

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#### Vote:

32 in favor

3 opposed (US, Italy, Netherlands)

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**From:** Baer, Daniel B  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:35 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** Re: Flotilla Update for G

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**To:** McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Baer, Daniel B; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 02 13:33:11 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Flotilla Update for G

Should I send this to maria ?

**From:** McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:03 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Baer, Daniel B; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** Flotilla Update for G

Assistant Secretary Posner, DAS Baer, and Emily,

Per this morning's director's meeting, below is an email providing an update about the Flotilla to Under Secretary Otero.

Best,

Kristen McGeeney  
Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs  
Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor  
202-647-2019  
[McGeeneyKR2@state.gov](mailto:McGeeneyKR2@state.gov)

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Begin email:

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 2:50 PM  
**To:** Otero, Maria  
**Cc:** Baer, Daniel B; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Cassidy, Joseph P; Stanfield, Emily  
**Subject:** Israel

Maria

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**Cc:** Chandler, Karen R; Djerassi, Alexander M; Dennis, Chanel N; Ratney, Michael A; Stanfield, Emily; Reed, Julia G; Hilton, Olivia P  
**Subject:** "Among the Righteous" as a Communication Tool

Farah, Thanks for your kind words. [REDACTED]

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**Peter J. Kovach**  
**Director - Office of International Religious Freedom (DRL/IRF)**  
**Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor**  
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Peter, you were excellent! And DRL's organizing was superb!

Thank you all. Nice job!

Farah

Ps

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**Sent:** Tue Jun 01 10:48:21 2010  
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Assume he will sit on the "panel", then. Peter

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**From:** Curtis Goering <CGoering@ohchr.org>  
**To:** Stanfield, Emily  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 03 01:51:53 2010  
**Subject:** RE: message for Michael Posner

Thanks, Emily. Of course we've seen the statements from the Sec of State on the matter, but given the well-established pattern of serious shortcomings in the GoI's investigations relating to Cast Lead and many other previous ones, there is just no basis for any confidence that this one would be any different. That is why the USG should have pushed for a truly independent inquiry. The reluctance of the US to be firmer on this, or to be seen to exert sustained pressure on fundamental human rights questions, is a key element of the growing disillusionment with the Obama administration here, which is palpable and distinctly more significant than just a few months ago. One manifestation of this is a billboard at a major square in Gaza City with a depiction of Obama a year after the Cairo speech with the question, "Where is the new beginning?"

At the same time, the reports this am about pressure from the US for a new approach on the blockade, if true and if substantive, are welcome.  
Thanks again,

Curt

-----"Stanfield, Emily" <StanfieldE@state.gov> wrote: -----

To: "Curtis Goering" <CGoering@ohchr.org>  
From: "Stanfield, Emily" <StanfieldE@state.gov>  
Date: 06/03/2010 07:04AM  
Subject: RE: message for Michael Posner

Thanks, Curt – apologies for the delay in responding to your email. I have forwarded this on to Mike and others within the bureau. Let's keep in touch as things progress.

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**From:** Curtis Goering [mailto:CGoering@ohchr.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 31, 2010 10:59 AM  
**To:** Stanfield, Emily  
**Subject:** message for Michael Posner

Dear Emily,

I was hoping you might be able to pass on a message to Mike from my office here in Gaza. We are hoping that he will be a strong voice calling for an independent, impartial and credible inquiry into the attack this morning on the flotilla heading for Gaza, and for those responsible to be held accountable. Many here feel that, while acknowledging efforts made, this voice was not strong enough in the aftermath of operation Cast Lead, and that the lack of meaningful pressure for such helped create the conditions which may have contributed to the attack today. Further, many here feel that the next Cast Lead is just a matter of time, in part because of the lack of a sustained and credible message about accountability from the US. The State Department's human rights voice must be stronger and heard more on this matter.

I am attaching the High Commissioner's and Special Rapporteur's statements on the events today.

Many thanks,

Curt

## **News Release**

31 May 2010

### **UN human rights chief condemns violent interception of Gaza aid flotilla**

GENEVA – The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay on Monday condemned the Israeli military interception, in international waters, of a flotilla of ships carrying aid to the blockaded Gaza Strip, which reportedly led to several deaths and numerous injuries, called for an immediate and credible independent inquiry, and urged the lifting of the blockade.

"We need to establish exactly what happened. However, nothing can justify the appalling outcome of this operation, which reportedly took place in international waters," Pillay said. "I unequivocally condemn what appears to be disproportionate use of force, resulting in the killing and wounding of so many people attempting to bring much-needed aid to the people of Gaza, who have now been enduring a blockade for more than three years."

The High Commissioner called for an immediate and fully independent inquiry into today's operation and killings. "When people are killed there must be serious investigations, and there must be accountability," she said.

She also urged the Government of Israel to heed the "almost unanimous international view that the continued blockade of Gaza is both inhumane and illegal."

"The blockade lies at the heart of so many of the problems plaguing the Israel-Palestine situation, as does the impression that the Israeli Government treats international law with perpetual disdain," she said. "If the blockade had been lifted, there would be no need for flotillas like this."

ENDS

## News Release

31 May 2010

### **Gaza aid convoy killings: "Those responsible must be held criminally accountable" - UN expert**

GENEVA – The UN Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Richard Falk, urged Monday the international community to bring to justice those responsible for the killing of some 16 unarmed peace activist, when Israeli armed commandos stormed a convoy of ships carrying aid to Gaza.

"Israel is guilty of shocking behavior by using deadly weapons against unarmed civilians on ships that were situated in the high seas where freedom of navigation exists, according to the law of the seas," Mr. Falk said. "It is essential that those Israelis responsible for this lawless and murderous behavior, including political leaders who issued the orders, be held criminally accountable for their wrongful acts."

There are confirmed reports of lethal interference by Israeli military units on the high seas with the Freedom Flotilla of six ships carrying some 10,000 tons of medicine, food, and building materials to the civilian population of Gaza. Preliminary reports suggest as many as 16 unarmed activists were killed, and dozens more wounded.

"This peaceful humanitarian initiative by citizens from 50 countries is an urgent response to the continuation of an unlawful blockade that has been maintained for almost three years causing great physical and mental harm to the whole of the 1.5 million people entrapped within Gaza," the UN independent expert said. "Such a massive form of collective punishment is a crime against humanity, as well as a gross violation of the prohibition on collective punishment in Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention."

"As Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestinian Territories, familiar with the suffering of the people of Gaza, I find this latest instance of Israeli military lawlessness to create a situation of regional and global emergency. Unless prompt and decisive action is taken to challenge the Israeli approach to Gaza all of us will be complicit in criminal policies that are challenging the survival of an entire beleaguered community."

Mr. Falk urged the world community "to take urgent action in response to this flagrant flouting of international law. It is time to insist on the end of the blockade of Gaza. The worldwide campaign of boycott, divestment, and sanctions against Israel is now a moral and political imperative, and needs to be supported and strengthened everywhere."

ENDS

Many thanks, Curt

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 1:18 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Afghanistan and Pakistan Weekly Update #15

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**(SBU) Pakistanis Detained in Gaza Flotilla Incident.** The government of Pakistan reached out to Embassy Islamabad and the State Department for assistance in determining the whereabouts of three Pakistani nationals, two journalists and one NGO worker, who were reportedly aboard one of the "Gaza flotilla" ships. State,

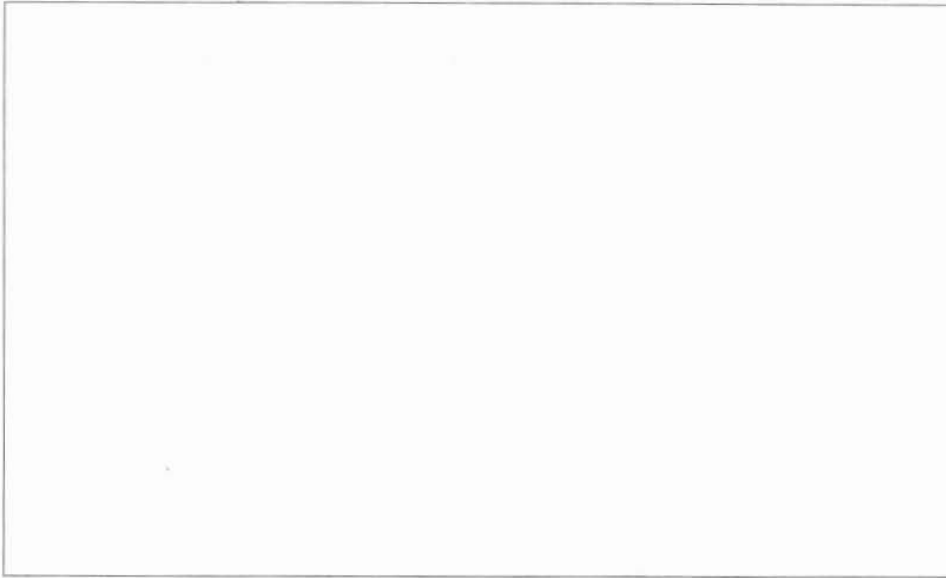
working with Embassy Tel Aviv, determined that the three were unharmed in Israeli custody before being transferred June 1 to Jordan for repatriation to Pakistan. In interviews on Pakistani television, the detainees expressed their gratitude for U.S. diplomatic efforts on their behalf. The Pakistan government's statement thanking the U.S. for its efforts is below. (Source: Pakistan Desk)

**If asked:**

- Ambassador Holbrooke spoke to Foreign Minister Qureshi confirming our best efforts to help obtain information on the whereabouts of three Pakistani citizens who were involved in the flotilla.
- Ambassador Holbrooke has been keeping Secretary Clinton directly informed and she is following the issue closely, with concern for the safety of all involved.
- We are pleased that the three Pakistanis were unharmed and are en route home to Pakistan.

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(U) MLGA discussed the new expert committee, which is a follow-up to the Goldstone report. On the Gaza flotilla incident, the Belgians are moving forward with naming names for the fact-finding mission. MLGA continues to move forward with the Sweden's internet freedom item 8 statement. They will be holding a DVC today with Denmark regarding the 2011 HRC, as well as a DVC with Mexico City regarding the Leahy Vetting Process. A/S Posner had a meeting yesterday with the Swiss that concerned the Geneva Convention mechanism.

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**To be credible, Israeli Inquiry must be given the capacity to find the facts, says UN expert**

11 June 2010:

"Any inquiry set up by Israel to investigate the Gaza flotilla incident must be given a genuine capacity to find the facts", according to Philip Alston, the UN's independent expert on extrajudicial executions. "Without that capacity, an inquiry will simply not be considered credible," he said. Alston noted that, "there are several indispensable requirements for any such commission of inquiry to comply with international standards. First, it must be independent of the government. Second it must be given full legal authority to obtain direct access to all relevant evidence, including the key witnesses. And third, its final report must be made public and not left to the discretion of the Government." Alston said that if these requirements are met, a domestic commission of inquiry can make an important contribution to resolving the human rights issues raised by the raid on the flotilla.

Alston noted that he was basing his comments on conclusions drawn from his previous detailed study on the international standards for inquiries, and on his investigations and reports to the UN on killings and accountability issues in countries around the world. (See A/HRC/8/3).

"Giving the commission the capacity to find the facts means that it must be able to subpoena and interview all key witnesses, including the military personnel concerned and some of the passengers on the ships," Alston stated. "It must also have access to all video and other records of the incident, including those confiscated from civilians. Without this information, the available evidence would be clearly one-sided and insufficient to ensure a fair and objective inquiry."

"I will continue to closely monitor the development and progress of any inquiry," the expert said. "It is crucial for the credibility of the inquiry that its processes be transparent and open, and that its report is released in full."

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Philip Alston is John Norton Pomeroy Professor of Law and co-Director of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University School of Law. He was appointed UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial executions in 2004.

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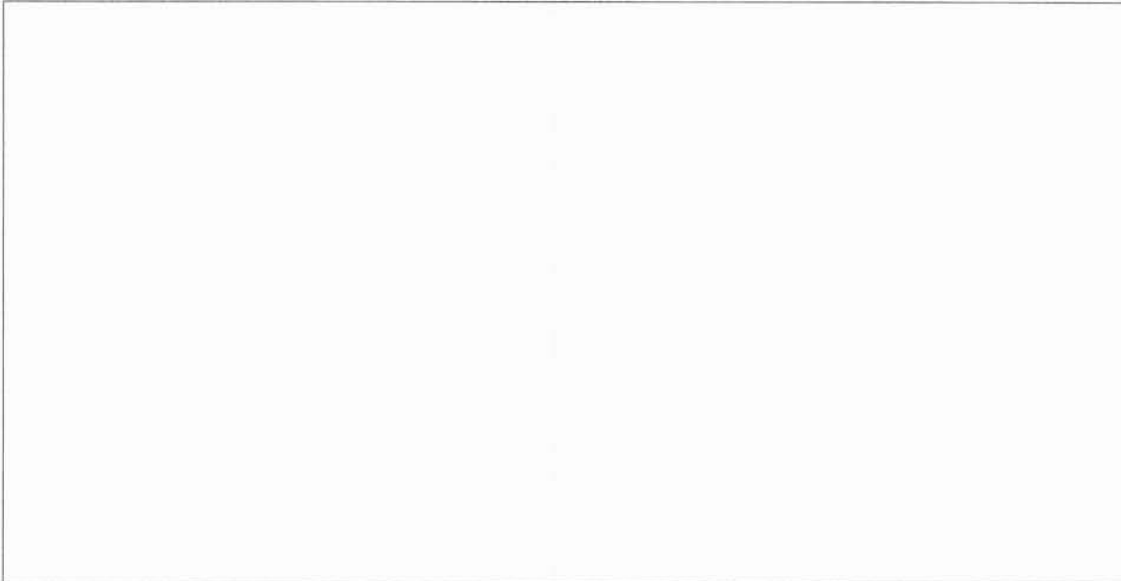
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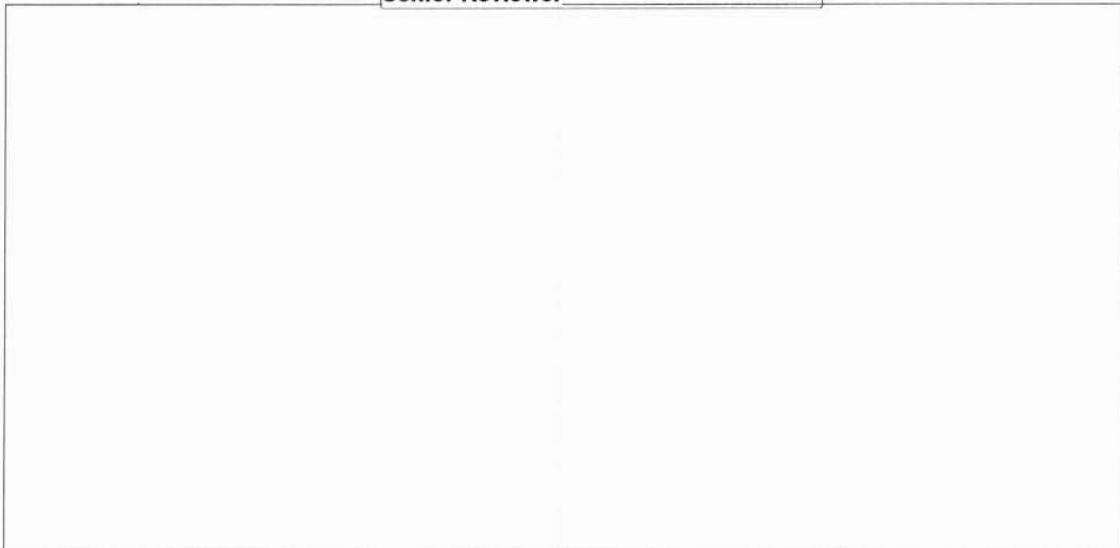
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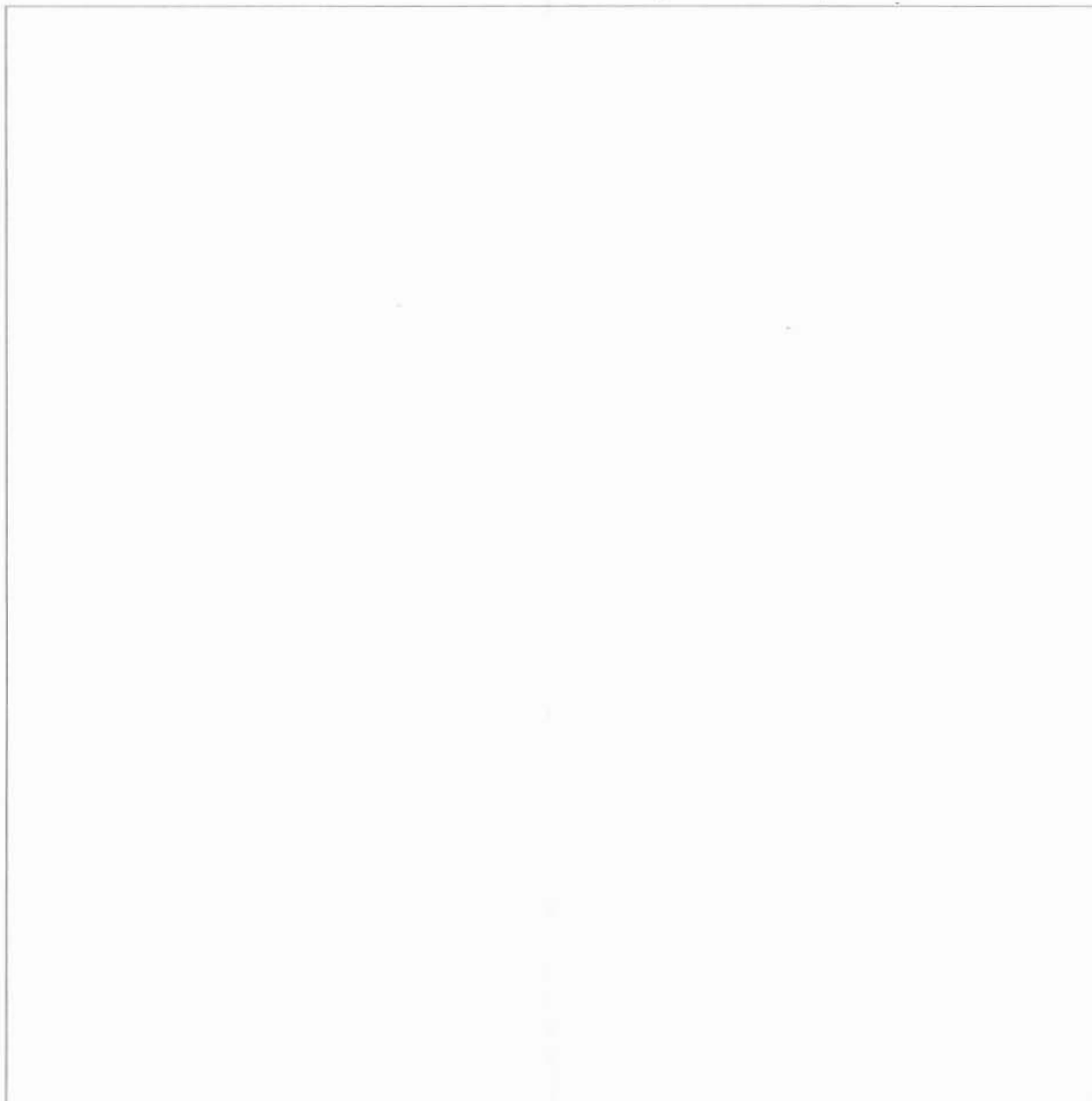
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(U) MLGA noted that Israel has named a public commission to conduct the investigation on the Gaza Flotilla incident. The NSC has issued a public statement in support of the commission.

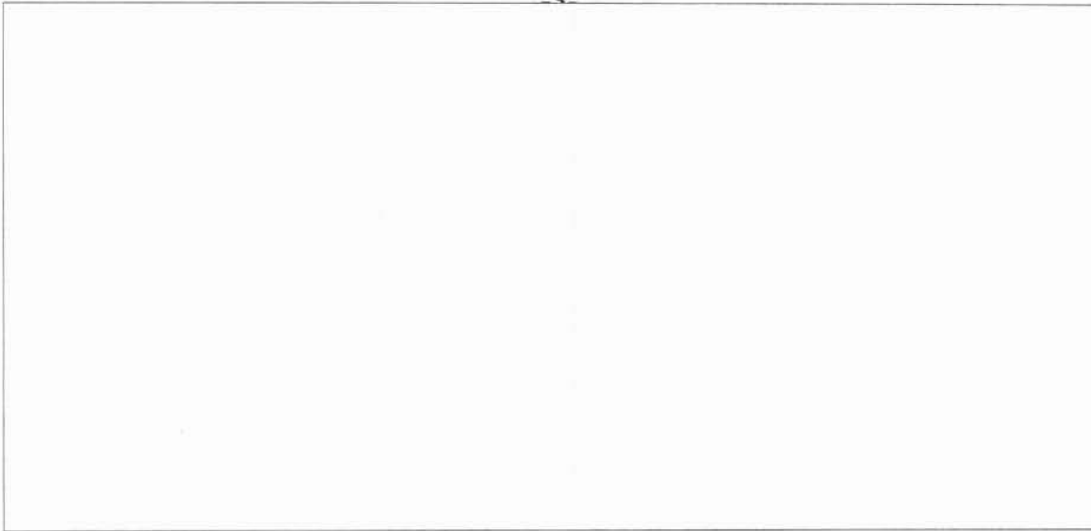


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FROM: (DRL/MLGA) –Joe P. Cassidy

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad,  
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SUBJECT: Current state of resolutions at the U.N. Human Rights Council June session

The June session ends on Friday. While the U.N. Human Rights Council (HRC) has already adopted several resolutions (e.g. Israel flotilla, Sudan), it will act on most of them on June 17 and 18.

Instructions Already Sent and/or Already Voted

- **Israel flotilla resolution:** The HRC voted to set up an independent fact-finding mission to look into “violations of international law” in Israel’s raid on the Gaza flotilla. The resolution was proposed by Pakistan for the OIC and Sudan for the Arab group. It passed with 32 yes votes, 9 abstentions (European and Asian), 3 no votes (U.S., Italy and Netherlands), and 33 African countries were absent. The U.S. called for the vote and delivered an EOV. The EOV noted our regret on the loss of life, stated that the situation in Gaza is unsustainable, and called on Israel to conduct a prompt, credible, impartial, and transparent investigation. We recalled the Security Council resolution of June 1 and argued that the HRC resolution was premature given that the facts on the ground still needed to be confirmed. (Note: Flotilla incident was on May 31, HRC vote was June 2)

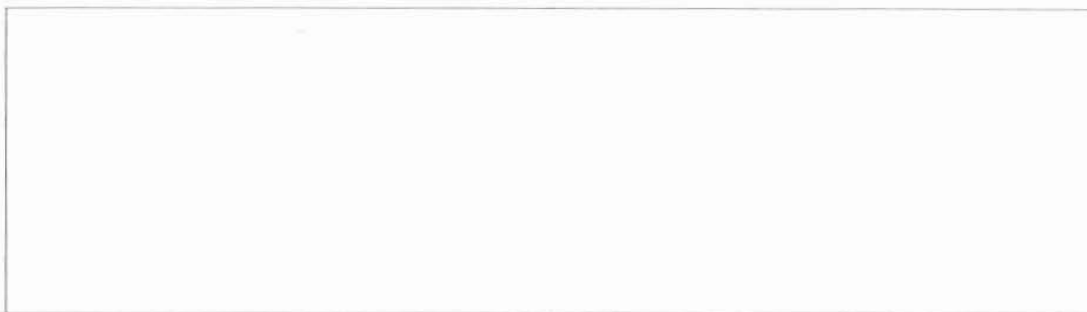
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See reference to india - near the end. Five senior cabinet ministers in dc next week - these are the meetings blake made reference to - Mp

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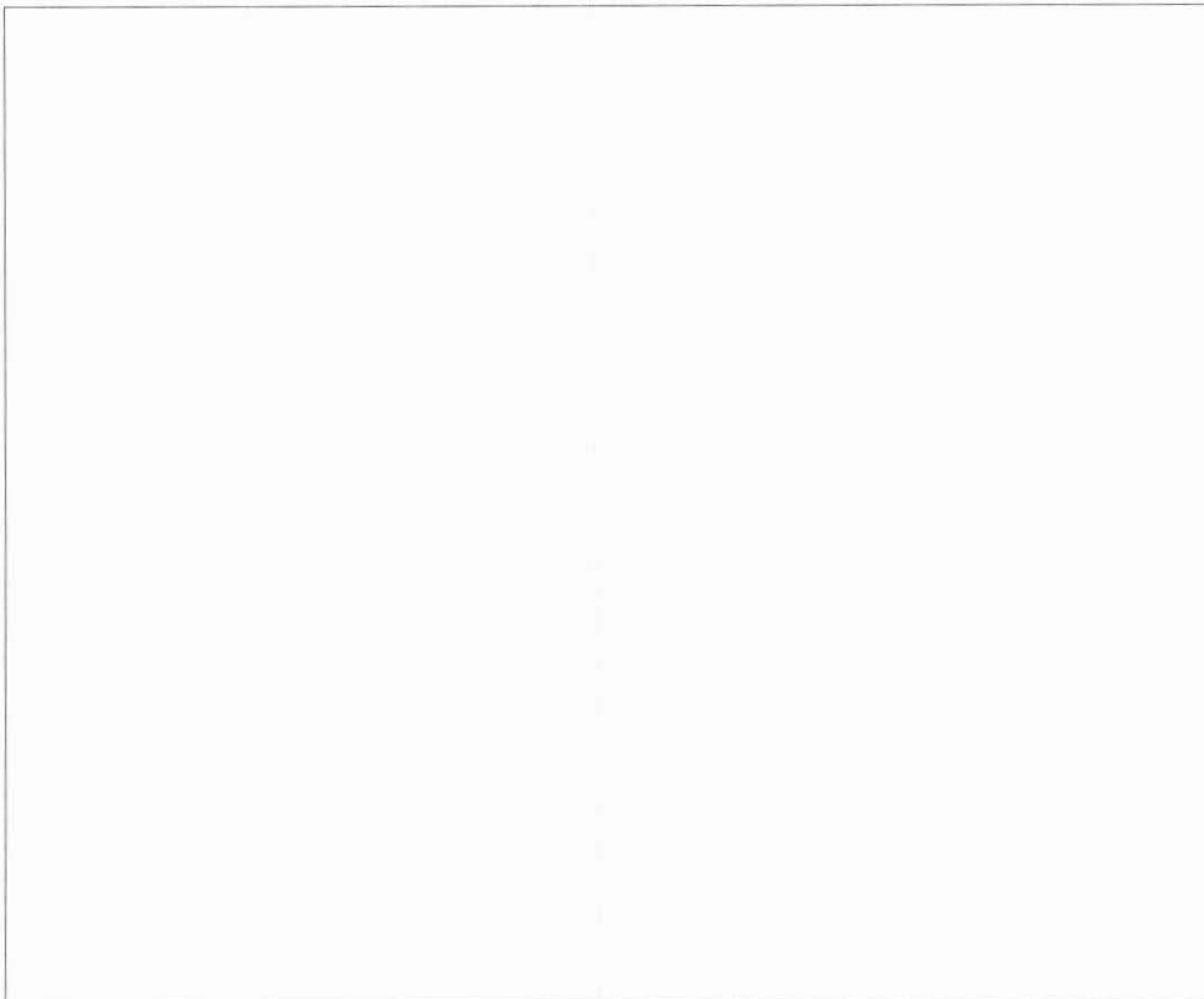
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**MR. CROWLEY:** Okay, continuing on, a number of things to talk about before taking your questions. This afternoon here at the Department in the Loy Henderson Conference Room, we are sponsoring the second in a series of diplomacy conferences for the benefit of key constituencies who have interest in regional affairs around the world. This conference is on Sub-Saharan Africa. You'll hear from the Secretary this afternoon along with a number of key figures that are working on Africa policy here at the Department. Johnnie Carson, Melanne Verveer, Deputy Special Envoy Tim Shortley will focus on Sudan. USAID Counselor James Michel and Under Secretary Judith McHale will all be talking to roughly 275 NGO representatives, think tank experts, business representatives, and others who've – African American community leaders.



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**QUESTION:** P.J.?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Josh.

**QUESTION:** Thank you. The Government of Israel, according to the White House yesterday, took an important step forward in proposing an independent public commission to investigate the circumstances of the recent tragic events aboard the flotilla headed for Gaza. Could you please explain for us why this independent public commission is an important step forward? Was that something that the U.S. side had encouraged the Israelis to unveil? And what would be the U.S. involvement in that commission going forward?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, first of all, this commission was set up by the Israeli Government. We've had conversations with the Israeli Government about how to assure the credibility and partiality that were called upon in the presidential statement of the UN Security Council. But these were Israeli decisions. I think the commission is – will be led by a respected Israeli jurist. There will be international participation through the – a Nobel Laureate from Northern Ireland and a judge advocate from Canada.

So we believe that Israel certainly, as a government, has the institutions and certainly the capability to conduct a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation. So I think this is an important step forward in what is called for in the UN Security Council presidential statement. That said, we're not going to prejudge the process or the outcome.

**QUESTION:** Wait. Just to be clear, you said that the U.S. encouraged – spoke with the Israelis about ways to encourage international participation?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, we were completely supportive of the UN Security Council presidential statement calling for a transparent, impartial, credible investigation. And we think what Israel announced yesterday is a step in that direction.

**QUESTION:** On the same topic? The Turkish Government said today they were not satisfied with this commission. The Turkish Government, they were not – they are not satisfied with it because they are not party to it.

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, Turkey, as any sovereign country, has a right to conduct its own investigation. I'm not aware that Turkey has reached its own judgment on how to proceed. But I think this is precisely why, in our discussions with the Israeli Government, we understand that there are a number of countries, the United States included, that are looking for an impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. Certainly, we continue to believe that Israel is fully capable of conducting one.

**QUESTION:** Wait, so you think that the Turks should be allowed – should go out and conduct an investigation if they want?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, the Turks have that right.

**QUESTION:** Well, what do you mean that they have that right? So, what if Iran wants to conduct an investigation? Is that okay, too?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, this was an event that directly affected Turkish citizens. We understand that.

**QUESTION:** Yeah, but the reason I'm – because you voted against the resolution at the Human Rights Council which called for – which sent – which is, actually, since it passed, sending a team to look into this. So I'm just --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well --

**QUESTION:** It's okay with you if the Turks want to get in the game here?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Again, what we are looking for in – with any country that decides to conduct an investigation is an impartial, is credible, is a transparent – we stand by Israel and will voice our strong views against any action that is one-

sided or biased by an international organization. That's why we voted against the resolution at the Human Rights Council.

**QUESTION:** Okay. So all of this talk about you guys and the UN supporting some kind of an international, separate probe other than the Israeli one is not correct?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, I'm not aware that the Secretary General has yet made any decisions on steps that the UN might take.

**QUESTION:** Well, that means that you would be willing to support something that the Secretary General comes up with?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, again, we'll listen to what the Secretary General has in mind and make a judgment at that time.

**QUESTION:** There are reports of aid ships from Iran that have departed recently with an intention to break the blockade. What advice or what -- how should the Israelis respond to this one since you had very strong views on how they responded last time?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, look. We are going to -- we are continuing to work with Israel, Egypt, and others to try to figure out how to expand the amount of assistance to the people of Gaza. We think there are better ways to do this than what Iran has perhaps announced.

**QUESTION:** Are you considering --

**QUESTION:** Well, but -- hold on. Specifically with regard to the reports of these ships coming, I mean, how --

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, Iran does not have a particularly constructive role in Gaza. It's a divisive country. I suspect very strongly that its intentions here are not humanitarian in nature. But we are focusing our efforts, working to see how we can, through the land borders between Israel and Gaza and Egypt and Gaza, increase the amount of assistance to the people of Gaza?

**QUESTION:** Are you suggesting that the ships are not carrying the humanitarian aid that they claim to be carrying?

**MR. CROWLEY:** Well, I mean, I don't know.

**QUESTION:** Or that they (inaudible) carrying?

**MR. CROWLEY:** But that is -- that remains a -- it remains a very legitimate concern that Israel have. They have, in fact, in the past, intercepted ships that were carrying weapons and armaments that have been used to threaten the Israeli people. But we think through land routes is a much more effective way of increasing the flow of humanitarian assistance while being able to protect Israel's security interests.

**QUESTION:** But what I'm trying to understand is whether you believe these ships are carrying some sort of weapons or --

**MR. CROWLEY:** I do not know.

**QUESTION:** Okay.

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### ***Overnight Brief***

Saturday, June 19, 2010  
0530 EDT

#### **HIZBALLAH DENIES LINKS TO GAZA-BOUND LEBANESE AID SHIP**

(SBU) The group stated they will neither participate in the flotilla nor provide organizational or logistical support to deny Israel any pretext for action, media report. *(AFP)*

*Additional updates on events in YEMEN, LEBANON, ARGENTINA, AND THAILAND are available through our  
classified website at <http://ses.state.sgov.gov>*

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**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2010 9:59 AM  
**Subject:** Organizer of Lebanese Flotilla Tells the Jews to Return to their "Homelands" in an Interview on al-Manar TV

**Importance:** High

FYI

Yasser Qashlaq, who funded the Lebanese boats, tells the "European garbage" [the Jews] to return to their "homelands," denies the possibility of peace and praises terrorist organizations.

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Kashlak words:

"...because the day will come on which these boats will carry these remains of European garbage that came to my homeland. These boats will take them back to their homelands. Gilad Shalit will go back to Paris; others will go back to Poland. Let these murderers return [to their homelands] and then we will follow them to the end of the world in order to bring them to trial for all the massacres they have committed since Deir Yassin, to this day."

"This is a humanitarian boat, which moves toward breaking the siege. Like I said since the first day in Gaza - what comes after Gaza would lead us toward battles for new maps"

[To the Israeli people]: "board these boats that we are sending to you, and go back to your countries. Don't turn to the Arab leaders, for the leaders of the moderate camp are deceiving you. You will never be able to make peace with us. Our children will return. You have no reason for coexistence. Even if your flags would be raised, and even if our regimes or leaders would sign [agreements] with you, we will not sign. Don't let these regimes deceive you. Go back!"

"Furthermore, we should not ignore the efforts of the honorable Fatah, as well as that of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad and all those, who participated in the resistance. We should not forget the role of the woman, for the sake of our Lady Mary and we should not forget the martyrs, who fell in this battle."

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Free Gilad Shalit

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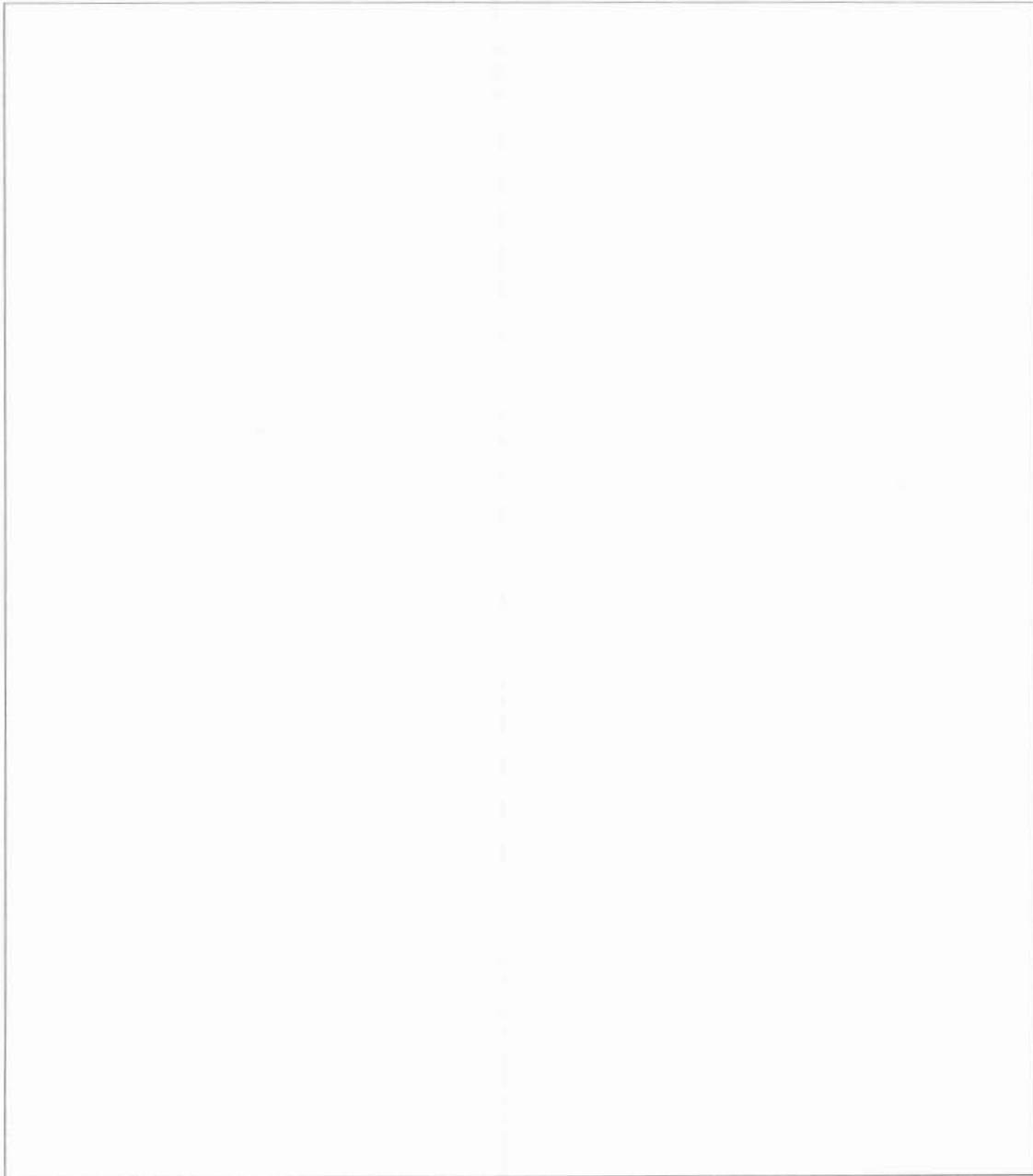
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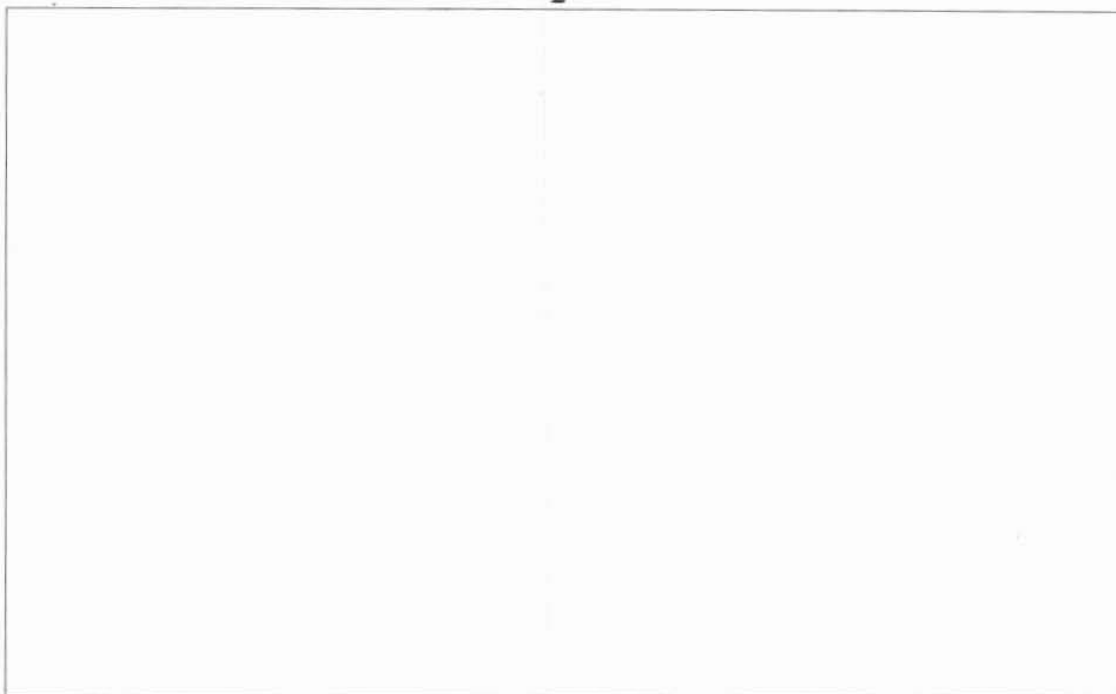
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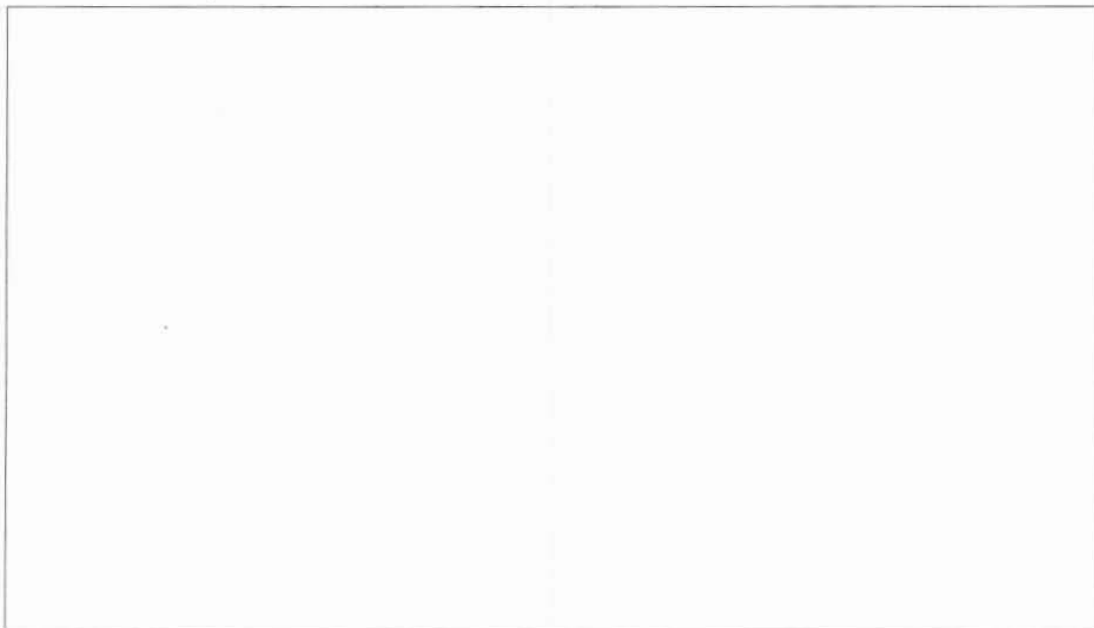
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(SBU) MLGA discussed a rumor that Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon had been having private discussions with the Israelis on investigations regarding the Gaza Flotilla inquiry. The expectation remains that the inquiry committee will be named early next week.

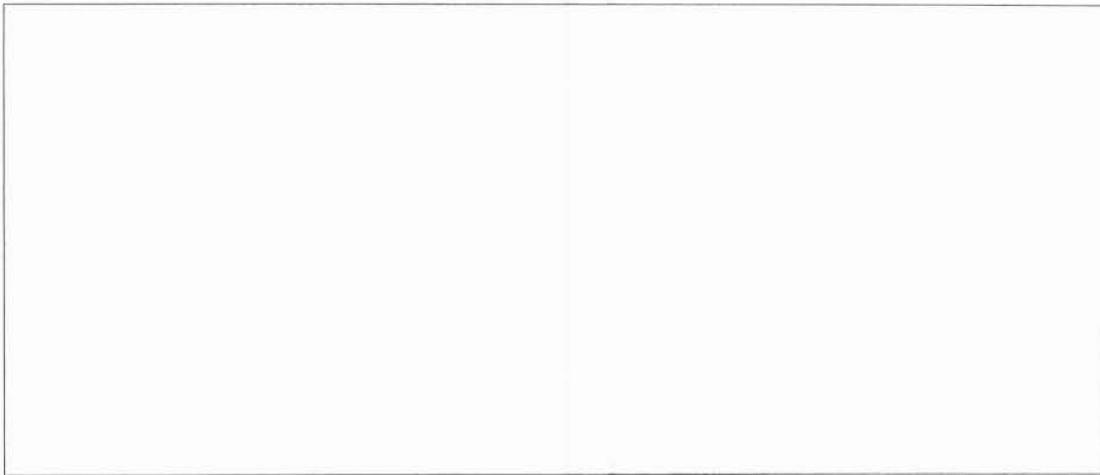


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(U) The Gaza Flotilla Investigation committee is expected to be named soon. The committee will be composed of one Indian, one Icelandic, and one representative from the U.K.

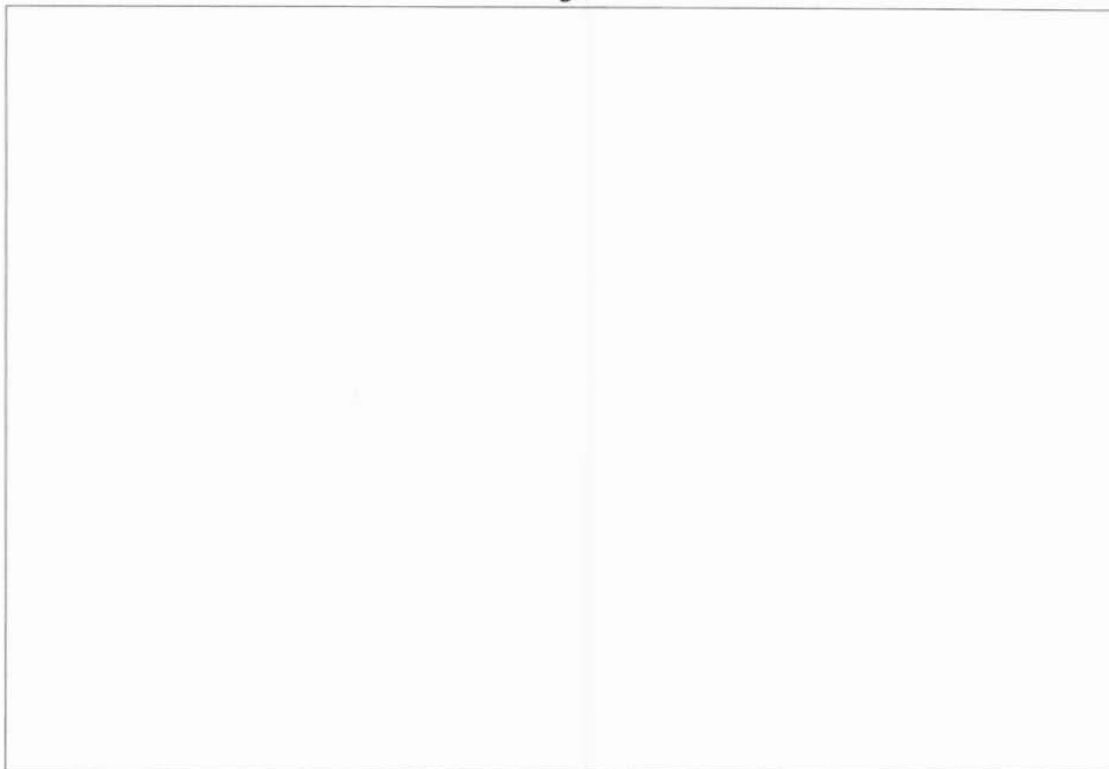
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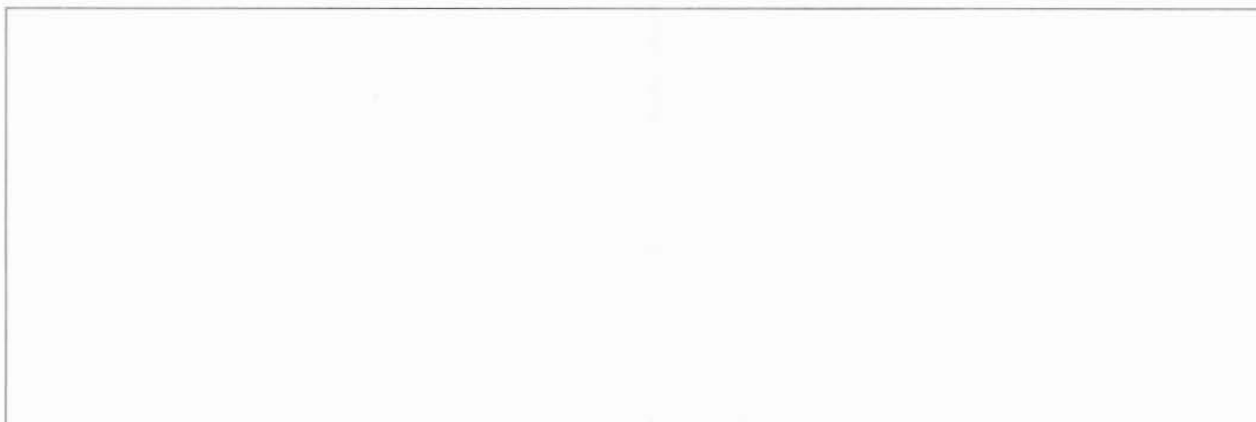
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Attached are my comments. Can I also share this with Joe?

Thanks,

Kristen

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Thank you for the response Mike - [redacted]  
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Thanks, very helpful.

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**From:** Graze, Deborah E  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 8:17 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** Re: HRC Approach to Flotilla incident

Thanks- I forwarded to Kathy too. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**To:** Graze, Deborah E; Cassidy, Joseph P; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Sent:** Sun Jun 06 10:39:06 2010  
**Subject:** FW: HRC Approach to Flotilla incident

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 10:31 AM  
**To:** 'Eileen C. Donahoe'; Brimmer, Esther D  
**Cc:** Koh, Harold Hongju; 'Power, Samantha J.'  
**Subject:** RE: HRC Approach to Flotilla incident

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**From:** Eileen C. Donahoe [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 06, 2010 6:34 AM


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Thanks much,  
Eileen

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 7:59 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation

**Importance:** High

Sorry, just got to this now. Thoughtful and comprehensive. Couple quick reactions:



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Thanks, Joe

**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 5:09 PM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** FW: Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation

Thoughts?

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior  
Reviewer

**From:** Cleveland, Sarah H  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 12:50 PM  
**To:** Power, Samantha J.; 'Busby, Scott W.'; Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Subject:** FW: Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation

Samantha –

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Many thanks,

Sarah

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**From:** Power, Samantha J. [redacted]  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Cc:** Busby, Scott W. [redacted]  
**Sent:** Mon Jun 07 09:53:38 2010  
**Subject:** FW: Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation

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Do you know who there prepared this paper and what the status is?

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**From:** Kumar, Prem G.  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:00 AM  
**To:** DL-NSC-Suite; DL-NSC-European Affairs; DL-NSC-Legal Advisor  
**Cc:** DL-NSC-NENA; Ross, Dennis B:  
**Subject:** FW: Options Paper on Flotilla Investigation

Please see attached State's discussion paper for item #2 on today's PC agenda (options for ensuring a credible investigation). Thanks, Prem

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:39 AM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation  
**Importance:** High

Mike,

Here's my message to Scott. You should decide who else you want to share your views with, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Thanks, Joe

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**From:** Busby, Scott W. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

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Samantha will be in both meetings this afternoon, which will start at 1:30. So Mike should send her his note by 1 p.m. at latest. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P [mailto:CassidyJP@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:14 AM  
**To:** Busby, Scott W.  
**Subject:** URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:11 AM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Stanfield, Emily  
**Cc:** McGeeney, Kristen R (DRL); Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

**Importance:** High

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior  
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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:11 AM  
**To:** 'Busby, Scott W.'  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

Scott, Thanks for the heads-up. [REDACTED] Thanks, Joe

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**From:** Busby, Scott W. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:01 AM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P [mailto:CassidyJP@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:37 AM  
**To:** Busby, Scott W.  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

Great, Mike will send something shortly. Thanks for your help. Joe

**From:** Busby, Scott W. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:18 AM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation

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**To:** Busby, Scott W.  
**Subject:** URGENT Question: Posner Views on Flotilla Investigation  
**Importance:** High

Scott, Thanks for the update on the phone call today. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:57 AM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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Good – will do

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:53 AM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
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**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
**Importance:** High

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What do you think ?

Samantha and Jeff

Please let me know if there is anything further I can do to advance this option in internal USG discussions.

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:15 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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Thank you.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:09 PM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
**Importance:** High

Thanks

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'Power, Samantha J.'; Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Cc:** 'Busby, Scott W.'; Graze, Deborah E; Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
**Importance:** High

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Samantha and Jeff

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:26 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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**Importance:** High

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Joe

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**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
**Importance:** High

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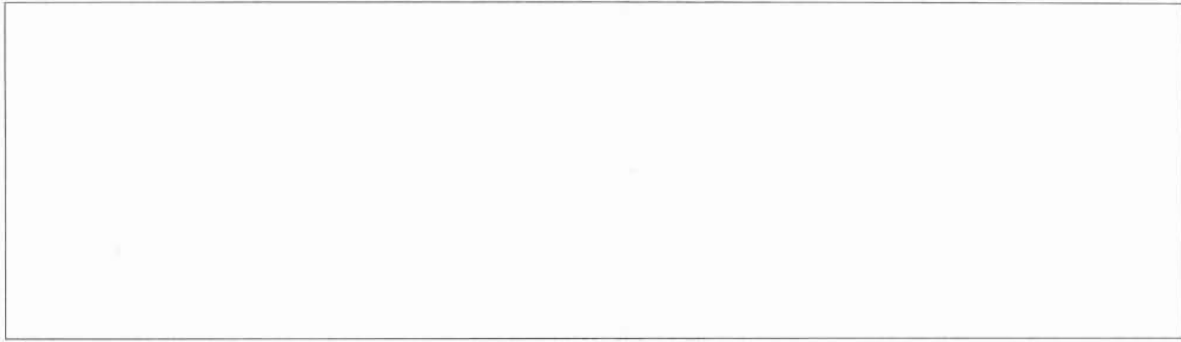
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**From:** Cleveland, Sarah H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:31 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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Thank you, Mike. I have also sent this on to others in our office (Joan and Jon Schwartz) who are addressing this issue in Harold's absence).

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**To:** 'Power, Samantha J.'; Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Cc:** 'Busby, Scott W.'; Graze, Deborah E; Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
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Samantha and Jeff

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:59 PM  
**To:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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Will do – we may have more allies on this than we realize – we need to seize the moment

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:58 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

Interesting, thanks. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:47 PM  
**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

Thanks for this – any thoughts on how I move this forward? [REDACTED]

Thanks , as always , for your support.

Mp

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:15 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

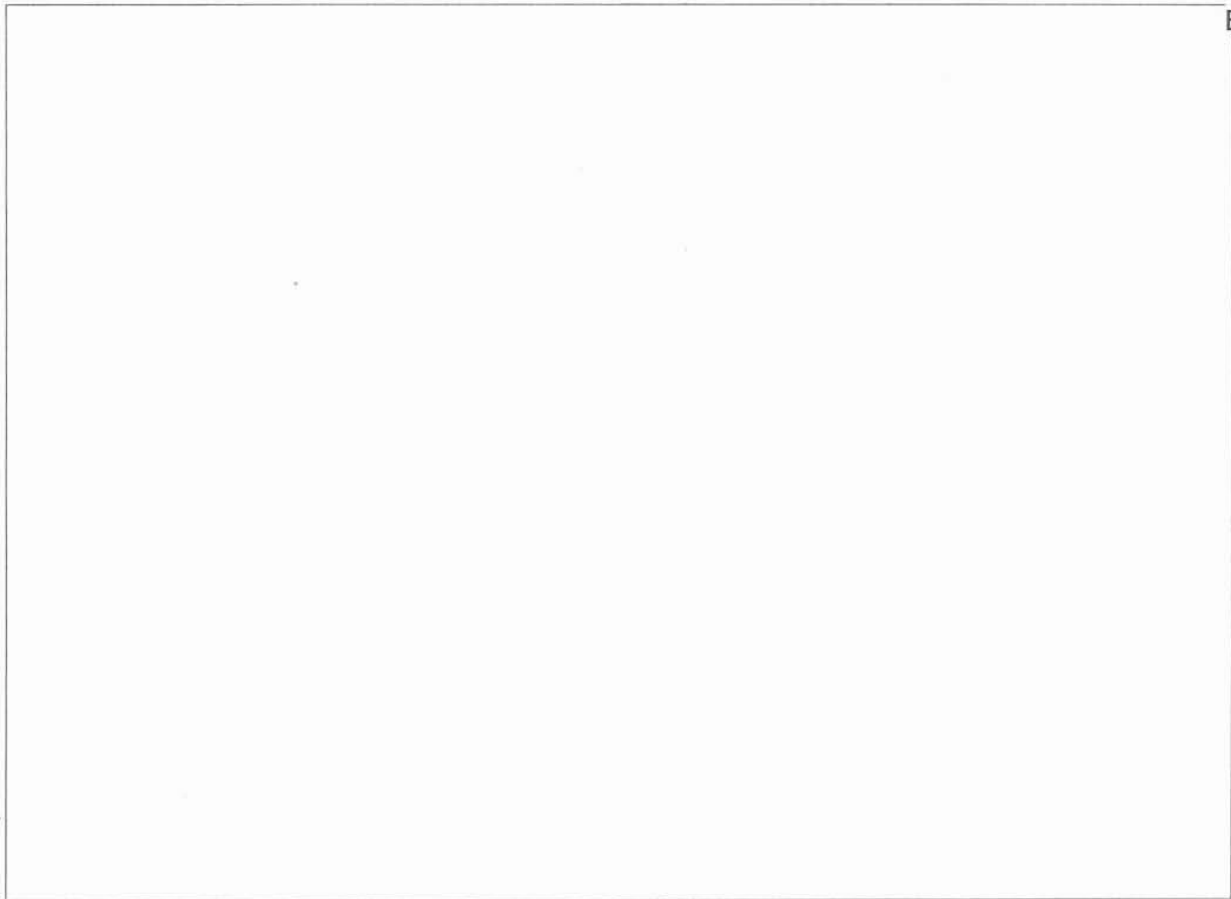


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Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
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Samantha and Jeff



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**Quatannens, Stephen D**

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 11:26 AM  
**To:** Nossel, Suzanne F; Lapenn, Jessica E; Reisser, Wesley J; Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M; Galindo, David R  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Switzerland: Human Rights Council - Israel related resolutions  
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**From:** Weinstein, Ivan S  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Pierson, Sarah E  
**Subject:** FW: Switzerland: Human Rights Council - Israel related resolutions

Sarah and Sarah,

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**From:** SMART Core  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 11:3:57  
**To:** Dale, Martin A  
**Cc:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Weinstein, Ivan S; BERN, SMARTS; PMAT (Pol-Mil Action Team)  
**Subject:** Switzerland: Human Rights Council - Israel related resolutions

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B) 10 STATE 16233  
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**Subject:** Switzerland: Human Rights Council - Israel related resolutions

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1. (C/NF) Poloff delivered reftel points to a senior Swiss MFA official on March 22. [REDACTED]

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2. (C/NF) [REDACTED]

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Commenting on the flotilla issue, [REDACTED]

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**Quatannens, Stephen D**

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**From:** Alvine, Amy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 8:28 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** FW: Netherlands/ UNHRC: Mixed reaction to Israel resolutions before Human Rights Council  
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**From:** SMART Core  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 12:27:12  
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**Cc:** Germano, Maria L.; Deutsch, Christopher M; Edmondson, Susan H; Naranjo, Brian R; Ragsdale, Marguerita D; Blackwood, Ann S; Chang, Charles; Griffith, Elizabeth D; Russell, Kathryn E; Abrahams, George; Evans, Madelyn J; Lane, Gerda; Desjardins, Marc; Millar, McKenzie; Honigstein, Michael D; Gaudiosi, Eric V; Gerber, Robert W; Hall, Jana; Winn, David M; Lo Faro, Maria-Antonieta; Berarpour, Nazanin; Ramon, Clarissa C; Chue, Jason X; Keating, Kaitlin; Alvine, Amy  
**Subject:** Netherlands/ UNHRC: Mixed reaction to Israel resolutions before Human Rights Council

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**Action:** WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE  
**E.O.:** 13526  
**TAGS:** PREL, PHUM, IR, UN  
**Reference:** A) 11 STATE 25103

**REVIEW AUTHORITY:** Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

**Subject:** Netherlands/ UNHRC: Mixed reaction to Israel resolutions before Human Rights Council

(U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on the Israel-related resolutions before the UN Human Rights Council to the Dutch MFA on March 21. [REDACTED] said it is likely the

Dutch will support a "no" vote on the resolutions related to the follow-up on the Goldstone Report and the follow-up on the Gaza flotilla incident. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said it is possible that a statement outlining their views on the Goldstone and Gaza flotilla resolutions might be issued in Geneva in the next few days but that no decision has yet been made.

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**Signature:** LEVIN

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**Quatannens, Stephen D**RELEASE IN PART  
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**From:** Alvine, Amy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 8:27 AM  
**To:** Reisser, Wesley J  
**Subject:** FW: Norway is Still Reviewing UNHRC Israel Resolutions, Understands U.S. Views  
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**Quatannens, Stephen D**

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**From:** Doutrich, Jack T  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:11 PM  
**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N; Reisser, Wesley J; Chue, Jason X; Bass, Warren  
**Cc:** Gregonis, Meghan E; Cassidy, Joseph P; Eilts, Colin C; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT CLEARANCE REQUEST: HRC point

+ Colin Eilts (NEA/IPA Human Rights Officer) and Sahar Khoury-Kincannon (SEMEP)

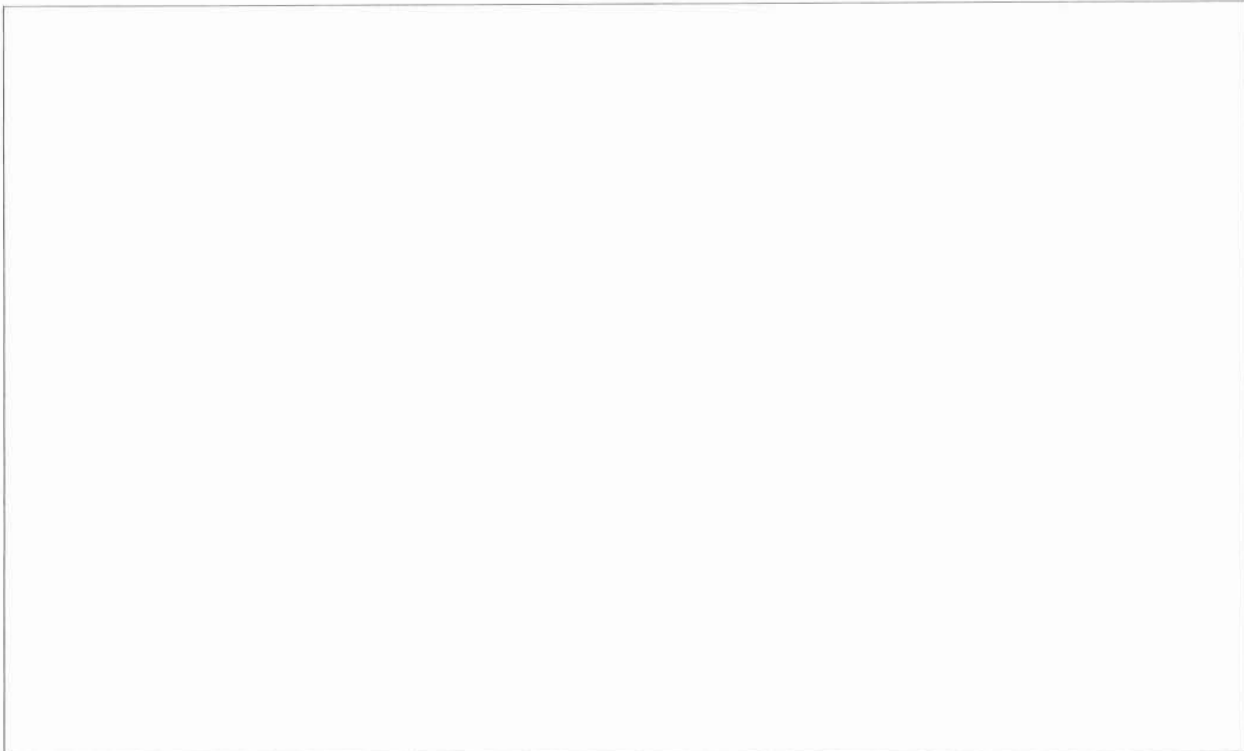
Please see my edits on top of Sarah's below.

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**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N; Doutrich, Jack T; Reisser, Wesley J; Chue, Jason X; Bass, Warren  
**Cc:** Gregonis, Meghan E; Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT CLEARANCE REQUEST: HRC point



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**From:** Mokhtarzada, Homeyra N

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 4:53 PM

**To:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Doutrich, Jack T; Reisser, Wesley J; Chue, Jason X

**Cc:** Gregonis, Meghan E

**Subject:** URGENT CLEARANCE REQUEST: HRC point

Colleagues,

Would appreciate a speedy turn around because we have to get this to our FO today.

Thanks,  
Homeyra

**Quatannens, Stephen D**

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**From:** Katz, Jonathan D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 9:18 AM  
**To:** Naranjo, Brian R; Desjardins, Marc; Pforzheimer, Ann E; Tanoue, Theodore X; Reisser, Wesley J; Lapenn, Jessica E; Holt, Victoria K; Nossel, Suzanne F; Cook, Nerissa J; Pittman, Howard D; Connor, Julie G; Milich, Daniel S; Hesprich, Benjamin D; Honigstein, Michael D; Ostermeier, Amy A; Cintron, Dan; Von Behren, Heather W; Bass, Warren; Ried, Curtis R (USUN); Reed, Julia G; Wohlers, Julia K; Scharpf, Norman T; Wong, Yvette M; Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL); Doutrich, Jack T; Gregonis, Meghan E; Banos, Mariano H.; Khoury-Kincannon, Sahar; Schlicher, Ronald L; Walles, Jacob; Sindle, James M; Schrepel, Dawn M; Haldeman, William E; Carl-Yoder, Samantha A; Catalano, Elisa; Rand, Dafna H  
**Cc:** Zurcher, Kenneth M; Morrison, Andrew L  
**Subject:** IO A/S Brimmer Consults with Israeli MFA on Regional and UNSC Issues  
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**To:** NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL  
**Cc:** Katz, Jonathan D; Morrison, Andrew L; Zurcher, Kenneth M; Khanna, Melanie J  
**Subject:** FW: IO A/S Brimmer Consults with Israeli MFA on Regional and UNSC Issues

Attached please find Embassy Tel Aviv's report on IO A/S Brimmer's consultations with the MFA in Jerusalem.

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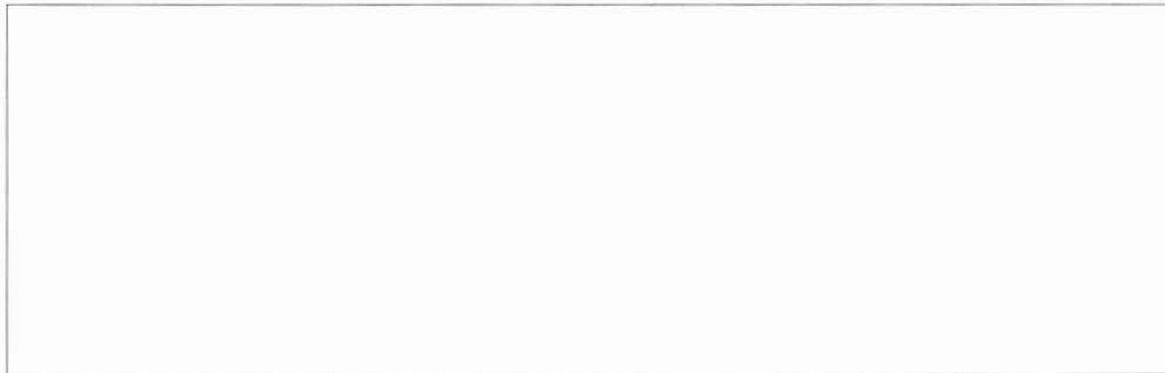
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**To:** Levin, Jan X  
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**Subject:** IO A/S Brimmer Consults with Israeli MFA on Regional and UNSC Issues

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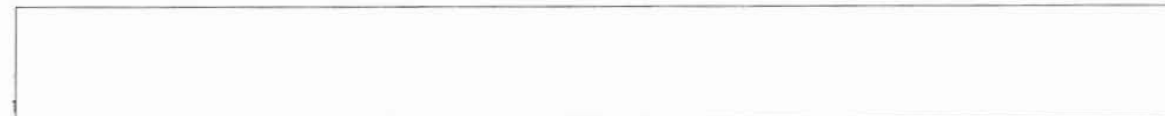
1. (C) Summary: IO Assistant Secretary Esther Brimmer conducted a day-long consultation on UN and Multilateral Affairs with Israeli MFA officials in Jerusalem on March 1, 2011. A wide range of issues were covered:



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the Mavi Marmara flotilla.



2. (SBU) Participants: Israeli participants were MFA Director General Raphael Barak, UN and International Organizations Amb. Daniel Carmon, DDG for North America Affairs Barukh Bina and action officer Gershon Kedar, Director for UN Political Affairs Meirav Eilon-Shahar, Director for International Organizations Tibor Shalev-Shlosser, Director for Human Rights and Global Issues Omer Caspi and his Deputy Nina Ben-Ami, Director for Non-Proliferation of Non-Conventional Weapons Oren Anolik, Arthur Lenk and Shira Meir of the International Law Department, Major Gil Limon of the IDF International Law Department, Alon Ushpiz, appointed as Israeli Ambassador to New Delhi, and Embassy of Israel in Washington Counselor for

Political Affairs Eliav Benjamin. U.S. participants were A/S Brimmer, Embassy Tel Aviv Charge d'Affaires Tom Goldberger, IO Senior Advisor Jonathan Katz, IO/MPR Office Director Andrew Morrison, and Jan Levin, Embassy Tel Aviv Deputy PolCouns.

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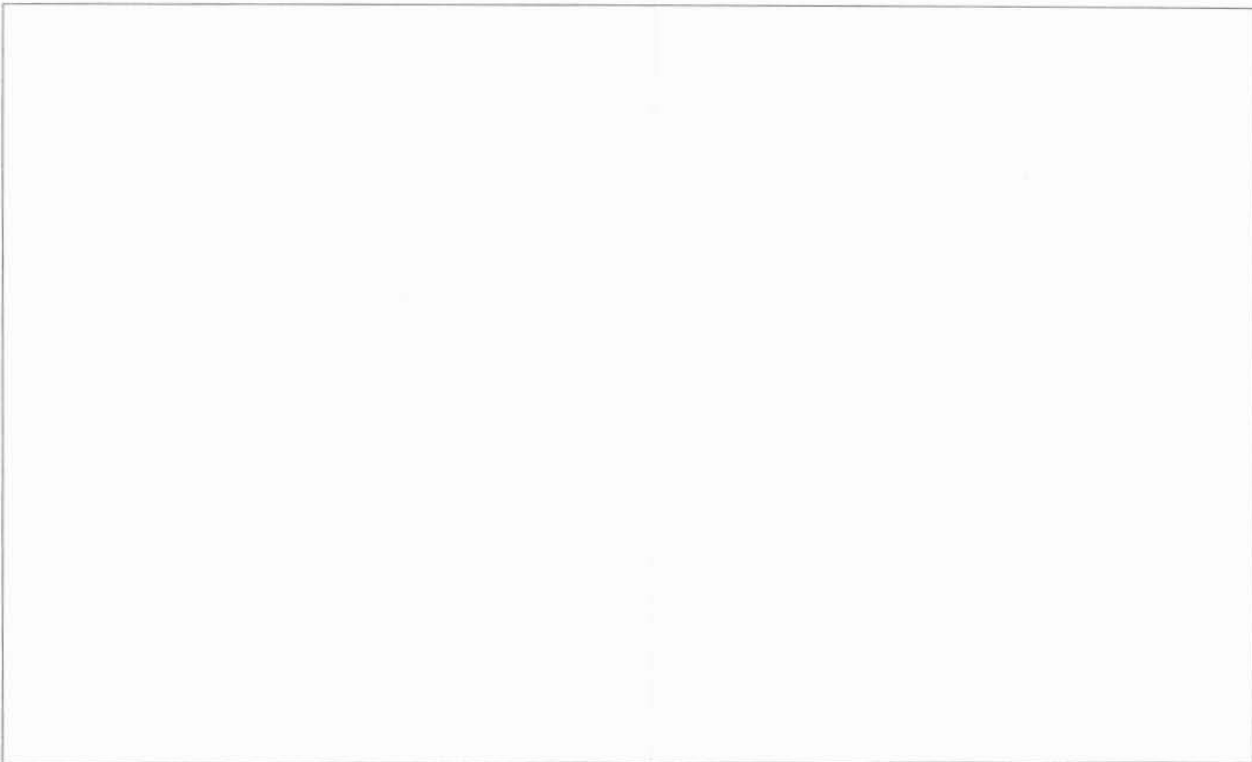
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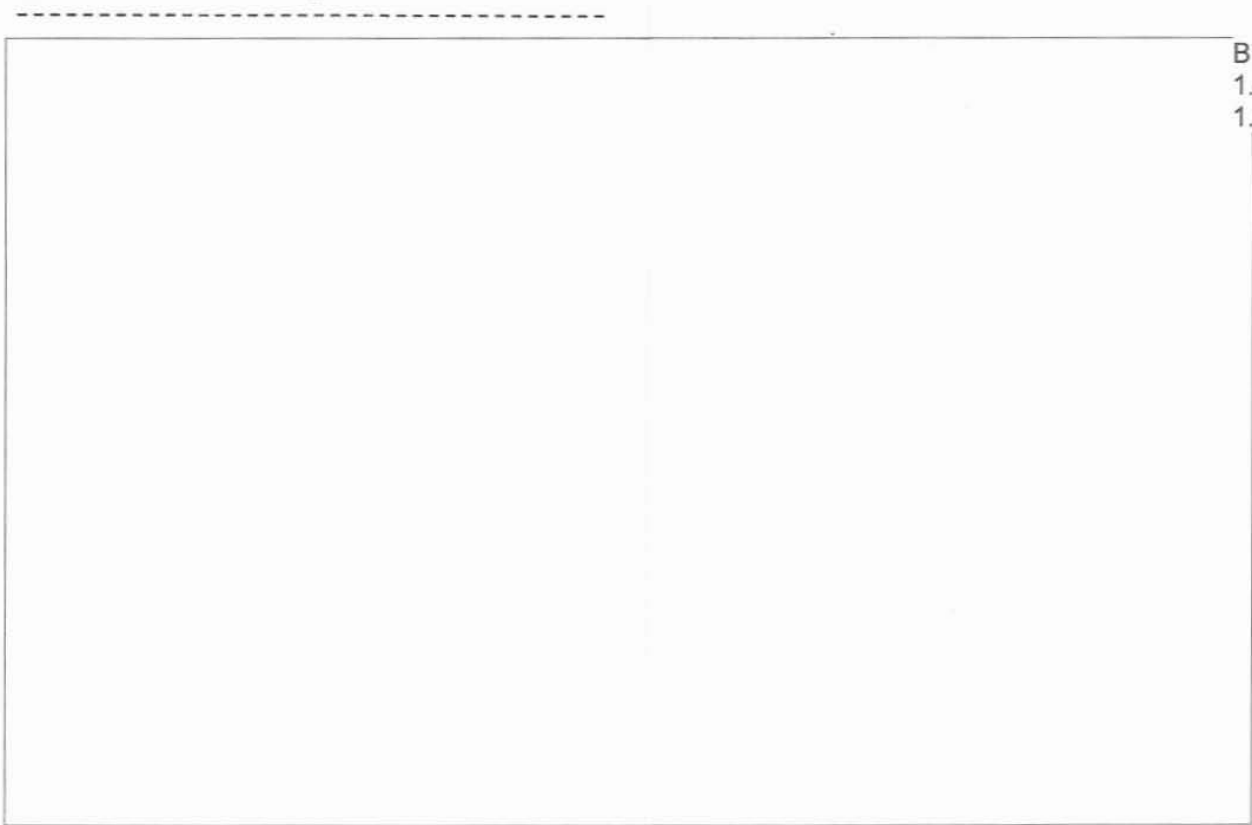
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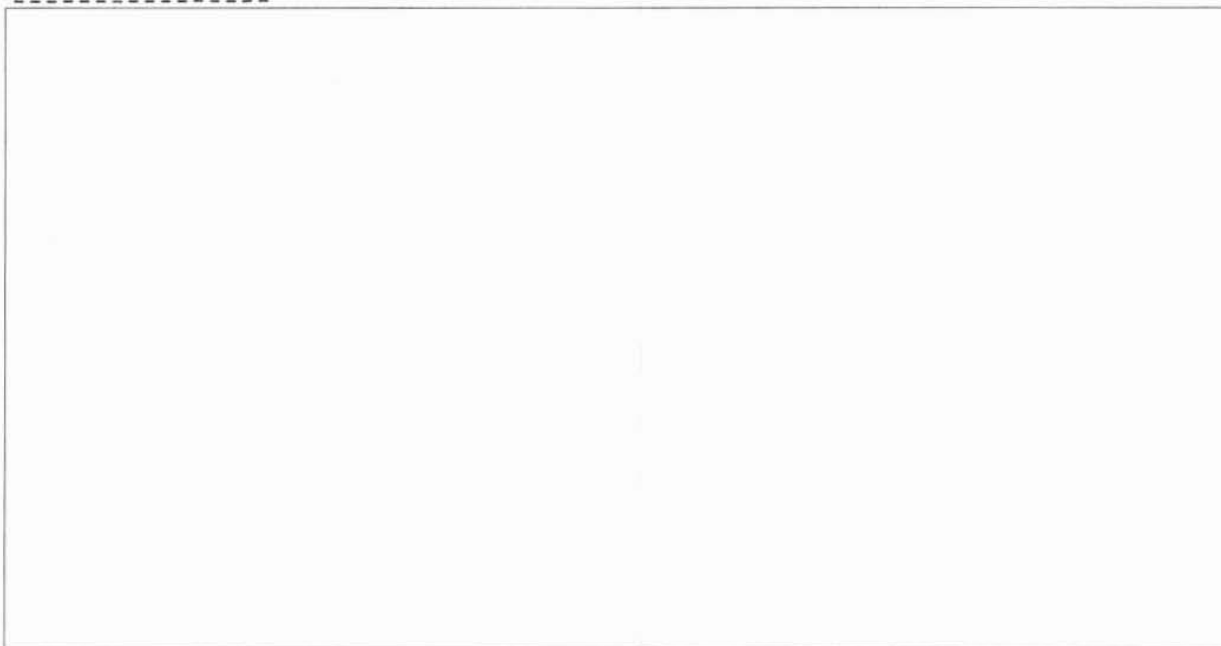


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20. (SBU) Assistant Secretary Brimmer cleared this cable.

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Political section, U.S. Embassy Tel Aviv  
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**From:** Jamil Dakwar [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:26 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** FW: IMEU Resources: Press Briefing & Fact Sheet about Israeli Attacks on American Citizens

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Mike,

It is imperative to insist on a credible and transparent investigation with US and international participation.

Jamil

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**From:** Andrew Kadi [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 7:15 PM  
**To:** Jamil Dakwar  
**Subject:** IMEU Resources: Press Briefing & Fact Sheet about Israeli Attacks on American Citizens

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Dear friends of the IMEU,

Included below are two new resources in our continuing effort to assist mainstream American journalists with their coverage of Palestine and the Palestinians:

A fact sheet on American victims of Israeli violence, like Furkan Dogan, Rachel Corrie and others.

And today's exclusive press briefing with three flotilla passengers, including one of three Americans who sailed on the *Mavi Marmara*. You can listen to the briefing by clicking on the link or image provided below.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/imeu/2010/06/08/press-briefing-hear-from-american-survivors-of-isr>



Warm regards, Andrew

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This email was sent to [redacted] If you are no longer interested you can [unsubscribe instantly](#).

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**From:** Rosenthal, Hannah S  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 12:32 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Shailor, Barbara  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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Just my thoughts

**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 11:18 AM  
**To:** Shailor, Barbara; Rosenthal, Hannah S  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:47 PM  
**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond

Thanks for this – any thoughts on how I move this forward?

Thanks , as always , for your support.

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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:15 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
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Jeffrey Feltman  
Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs  
Department of State  
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**From:** Posner, Michael H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'Power, Samantha J.'; Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Cc:** 'Busby, Scott W.'; Graze, Deborah E; Koh, Harold Hongju  
**Subject:** FW: Israel -Flotilla and beyond  
**Importance:** High

Samantha and Jeff



Please let me know if there is anything further I can do to advance this option in internal USG discussions.

**From:** [redacted] Mr CIV USA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 3:46 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Subject:** RE: Israel -Flotilla and beyond (UNCLASSIFIED)

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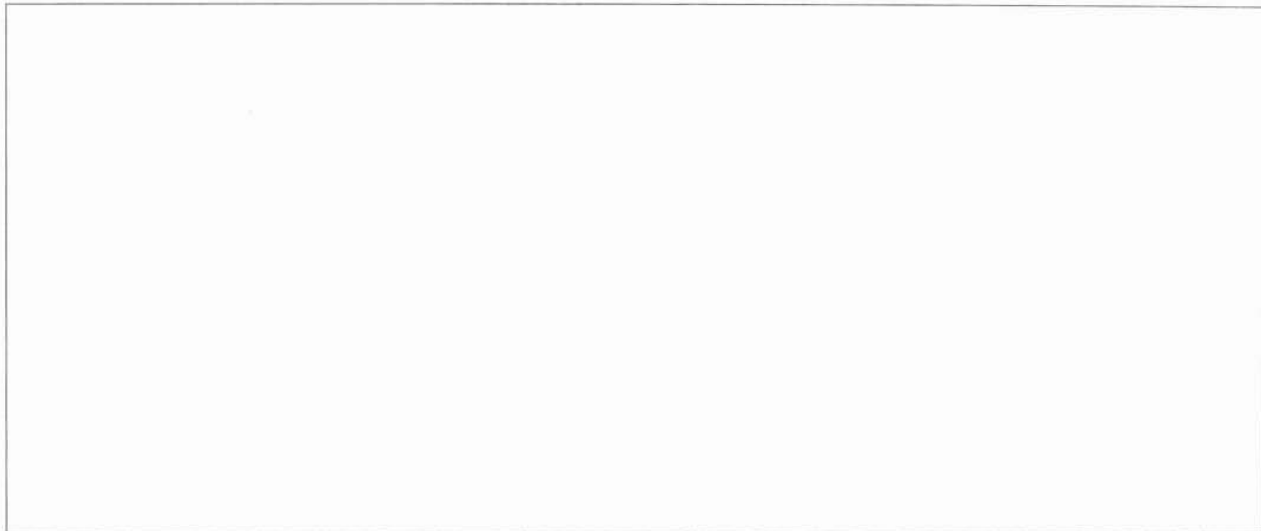
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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 5:09 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H; Rosenthal, Hannah S  
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Thanks for forwarding to me.

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**From:** Cassidy, Joseph P  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 09, 2010 7:49 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M  
**Subject:** NSC Meetings on Flotilla Investigation

**Importance:** High

I spoke to Scott Busby. Apparently, yesterday's meetings were inconclusive. More meetings today.

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**From:** [REDACTED] Mr CIV USA TJAGLCS [REDACTED] B3 DOD-PII  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2010 3:48 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Cassidy, Joseph P; Harris, Robert K  
**Subject:** The Flotilla Commission (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Mike-- [REDACTED]

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**From:** Baer, Daniel B  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** Galindo, David R; DRL-Radar  
**Cc:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Subject:** RE: MLGA Radar - Monday, February 7, 2011 (SBU)

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Please draft follow up so that I can send to gips—I wrote to him yesterday

**From:** Galindo, David R  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** DRL-Radar  
**Cc:** DRL-MLGA-DL  
**Subject:** MLGA Radar - Monday, February 7, 2011 (SBU)

(SBU) South Africa [REDACTED]

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(SBU) Other issues in Israel DVC

- **Goldstone/Flotilla:** The IDF/MFA may release another report on the progress of domestic investigations in the spring. They will meet with Tomuschat Committee chair McGowan-Davis to discuss Israeli efforts to investigate Gaza conflict allegations and the unique role of the Military Advocate General.
- **Flotilla:** Article 5 of the Turkel report is not likely to be released until the summer. MFA is concerned Turkey will bring up flotilla in the HRC in March by extending the High Commissioner's reporting on the subject or requesting another report from the HRC flotilla committee/commission.

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**A/S Posner Meeting with Aharon Leshno-Yaar, Israeli Ambassador**

**Geneva, March 3, 2011**

The Israelis will voice concern about the Palestinian and Turkish resolutions singling out Israel. This session is likely to include five to seven resolutions targeting Israel, including resolution [REDACTED] follow-up on [REDACTED] the Gaza Flotilla incident. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] High Commissioner Pillay released an updated report on the May 31 flotilla issue, which does not mention Israel's Turkel Commission. Turkey has formally rejected the first part of the Turkel Commission's report, and will likely seek continuation of debate on this issue in Geneva.

**March HRC session**

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- **May 31 Flotilla Incident Follow-up:** We remain opposed to further action in the UN Human Rights Council on this matter. We support the UN Secretary General's panel and the spirit of cooperation that it represents. We welcome the first part of the report from Israel and look forward to the next report.
- Immediately following the May 31 incident, we noted the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into these tragic events. We will not prejudge the situation, and look to a full examination of the facts and perspectives from all sides. We continue to await the outcomes of the national and UN processes.
- We continue to encourage both Israel and Turkey to seek opportunities to improve their relations.

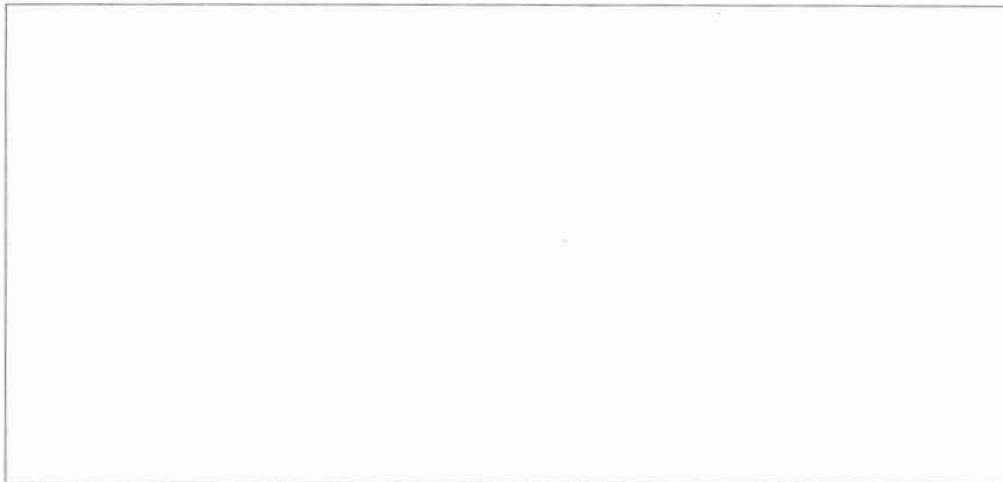
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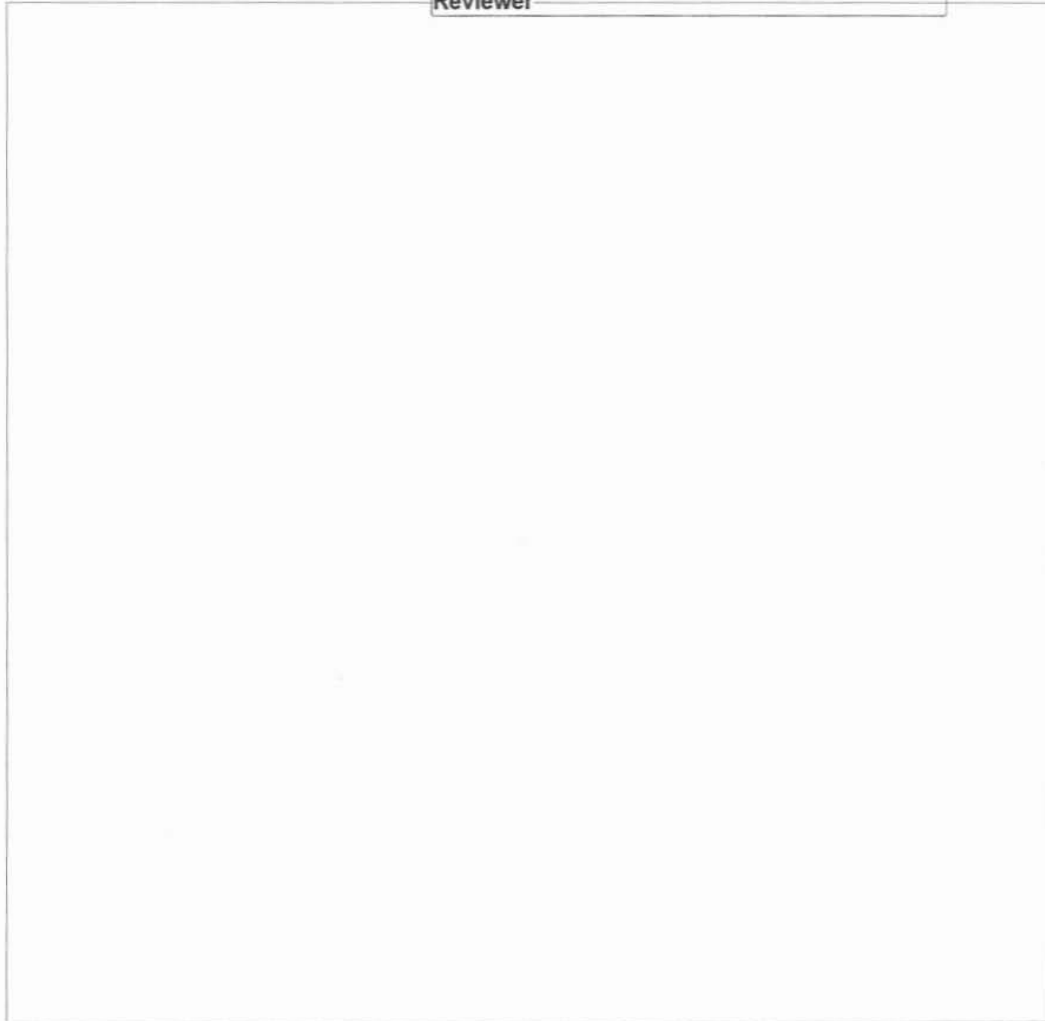
**A/S Posner meeting with Imad Zuhari, Palestinian Representative in Geneva  
March 3, 2011**

The March HRC session is likely to include five to seven resolutions targeting Israel, including [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] a Turkey led resolution on the Gaza Flotilla incident. The U.S. is often the only no vote and we give explanations of votes.

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- **May 31 Flotilla Incident Follow-up:** (Note: Follow up on this is led by Turkey not the Palestinians.) The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which handed this Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate—something the Mission itself acknowledged in its September report. We remain opposed to further action in the UN Human Rights Council on this matter. We note that, with the benefit of more time and consideration, the UN Secretary General was able to obtain the support of both Turkey and Israel for the establishment of a panel of inquiry to receive and review the

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reports of Israel's Turkel Commission and the Turkish National Commission of Inquiry into this tragic incident. Immediately following the May 31 incident, we noted the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into these tragic events. We will not prejudge the issue, and look to a full examination of the facts and perspectives from all sides. We continue to await the outcomes of these processes. We welcome the establishment of the Secretary General's panel and the spirit of cooperation that it represents. We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident.

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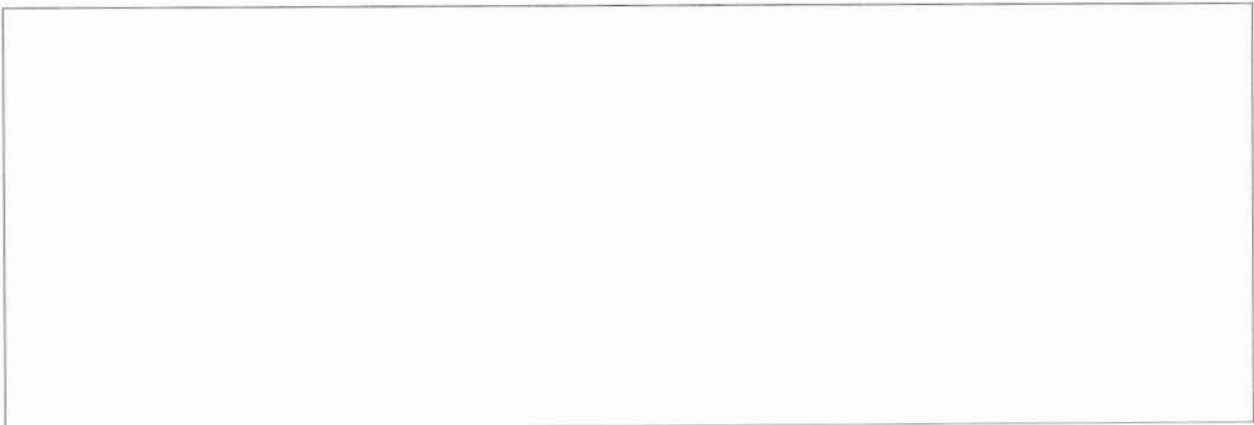


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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:24 PM  
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**Cc:** Martin, Julie B; Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Galindo, David R; Baer, Daniel B; Hickey, Matthew B; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL)  
**Subject:** Update on Item 7 resolutions at the HRC  
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Hi A/S Posner,



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Turkey will also call for another flotilla follow-up resolution. The draft is moderate and only welcomes the High Commissioner's report and asks for consideration of the issue again in June, however we registered opposition to on-going HRC consideration of the issue numerous times bi-laterally and publically. P will be meeting with the Turks this week and will reiterate our opposition. Our statements have reiterated the importance of on-going domestic investigations and the UNSYG process, but that rings hollow with the Turks.



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Best,  
Sarah

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**Item 7**

**Statement by the Delegation of the United States of America**

**Interactive Dialogue on the report by UN High Commissioner Pillay**

**Established pursuant to Resolution 15/1 and 14/1**

**Human Rights Council 16th Session**

**Geneva, March 2011**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships last spring. We have repeatedly underscored the importance of a credible, impartial, and transparent investigation into the tragic events of May 31. We are committed to working with partners, including our longstanding friends Israel and Turkey, to ensure a full and appropriate response to the incident and the circumstances that led to it.

Resolution 14/1 passed judgment on the facts before they were determined and handed the fact-finding mission a flawed mandate, something the mission itself acknowledged in its report.

The UN Secretary General was able to obtain the support of both Turkey and Israel for the establishment of a panel of inquiry to receive and review the reports of Israel's Turkel Commission and Turkey's National Commission of Inquiry into the tragic incident. We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident. We note that the panel is reviewing both countries' reports, and express our appreciation to the Secretary General for his efforts to establish this panel.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza. The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and is not in the interest of anyone who seeks peace. As we have pointed out, mechanisms are in place to transfer humanitarian assistance to Gaza, and they should be used for the benefit of ordinary Gazans. We urge all those wishing to deliver goods to do so through established channels so their cargo can be inspected and transferred via land crossings into Gaza—to ensure that Israel's legitimate security needs are addressed even as the Palestinians' humanitarian needs are met. We commend recent steps taken to expand access to goods in Gaza. We will continue to engage the Israelis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. We will continue to work

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closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, even as we bear in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.

The tragic flotilla incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace, including two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security. We should all be working to advance the cause of peace, not hinder it.

**On a potential resolution:** same as above, plus:

The United States was opposed to Resolution 14/1, which handed this Fact-Finding Mission a flawed mandate—something the Mission itself acknowledged in its report. We commend the Secretary General's constructive initiative in convening a panel to receive and review the results of Israel and Turkey's investigations. We continue to regard this panel as the primary method for the international community to review the incident. We again express our appreciation to the Secretary General for his efforts to establish this panel. We note that the Human Rights Council Fact-Finding Mission report referred to these ongoing processes and did not recommend further UN action on this matter. The United States opposed Resolution 15/1, and for the same reasons, we oppose the current resolution.

**From:** Johnston-Gardner, Sarah R (DRL)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 25, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** Posner, Michael H  
**Cc:** Cassidy, Joseph P; Sicade, Lynn M (DRL); Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Hickey, Matthew B; Graze, Deborah E; Baer, Daniel B; Short, Julie A  
**Subject:** Update on Israel related HRC resolutions

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Hi A/S Posner,

Per our hallway conversation yesterday, here is a status update on the Israel resolutions in the HRC.

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Best,  
Sarah

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The HRC Flotilla resolution passed by a vote of: 37 yes -1 no -(U.S.) - 8 abs. (Moldova, Poland, Cameroon, Hungary, Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, Zambia). The increase in yes votes and decrease in abstentions could be partly due to the comparatively mild nature of the resolution (vs. the other Israel related resolutions this session) and changes in HRC membership (Netherlands and Italy are off). The first flotilla resolution in June was adopted by a vote of 32 yes- 3 no (U.S., Italy, Netherlands)- 9 abs. And the September resolution passed by: 30 yes- 1 no (U.S.) - 15 abs.



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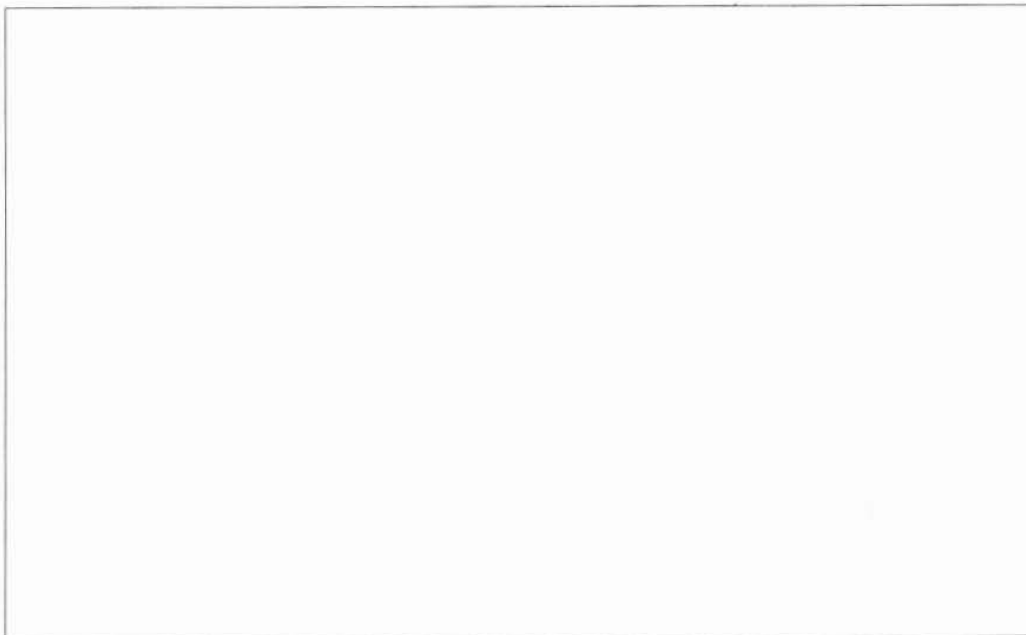
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Human rights situation in Palestine and other  
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**Report of the Committee of independent experts in  
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39. The Committee considers that the work of the Turkel Commission is relevant to its own mandate, because it is evidence that Israel does have a mechanism for carrying out inquiries into decisions and policies adopted by high-level officials. The Committee has focused on the process and methodology adopted by the Turkel Commission, not on the substance of its analysis and conclusions. It notes that Commission members interviewed and actively questioned the Prime Minister, the Defense Minister, the Chief of General Staff, the Chief Military Advocate, members of Parliament, the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories, as well as representatives of human rights organizations. An analysis of the transcripts of the public hearings demonstrates that the Commission members – with active participation from the international observers – thoroughly examined the controversial legal and political issues presented for their consideration. The Turkel Commission issued Part I of its report, which dealt with the investigation into the flotilla incident, on 21 January 2011. Part II of the report, which will address the effectiveness of Israel's mechanism for investigations, will be issued later this year.

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