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Your Excellency,

On the margins of the high-level segment of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Spain and the Federative Republic of Brazil will co-host a Ministerial-level meeting on the critical and indispensable role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in implementing the mandate entrusted to it by the United Nations General Assembly to providing education, health care, relief, protection and emergency assistance to Palestine refugees in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria.

The Meeting will explore concrete ways to safeguard the Agency's ability to discharge its mandate, ensure the continuity of access to its lifesaving services to Palestine refugees, support the continued implementation of ongoing reforms, address its acute and immediate financial challenges, and respond to the political, legal and operational constraints affecting the implementation of its mandate.

Despite the October 2025 ceasefire agreement, the humanitarian situation in Gaza remains catastrophic. More than 73,000 Palestinians have been killed, the vast majority of Gaza's population has experienced repeated forced displacement, and essential civilian infrastructure has been devastated, leaving basic services on the brink of collapse. In this context, UNRWA remains the only United Nations agency with the mandate, operational capacity, infrastructure and community presence necessary to deliver essential services and large-scale humanitarian assistance to Palestine refugees across the Gaza Strip. Ensuring the Agency's ability to continue operating is therefore essential to the effective implementation of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly, to meeting the urgent needs of Palestine refugees and ensuring regional stability.

The renewal of UNRWA's mandate in December 2025 and relevant General Assembly resolutions reaffirm the responsibility of the international community to enable the Agency to continue carrying out the functions assigned to it pending a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine refugees in accordance with international law and United Nations resolutions. This can only be grounded on the implementation of the two-State solution, where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace and security, on 4 June 1967 lines as per relevant United Nations resolutions.

To underscore the importance of the issues under discussion to the United Nations and to the effective implementation of the Agency's mandate, the Secretary-General of the United Nations will be invited to participate in the meeting.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, 24 September 2026, at 13:10, in the ECOSOC Chamber, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Your Government's participation at Ministerial level would be highly appreciated, including as a co-sponsor of the event.

We look forward to your participation in this important meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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