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Hon. Rob Nicholson
Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Dear Minister Nicholson,

I am writing to you regarding the village of Khirbet Susiya in Area C of the West Bank.

As you know, Israel maintains administrative responsibility over Area C under the Oslo Accords. Last month the Israeli High Court of Justice rejected a request by residents of Khirbet Susiya for an interim injunction freezing planned demolitions in the village. The demolition of Khirbet Susiya and forcible transfer of its residents is reportedly imminent. Canadian and Israeli human rights and religious groups have raised concerns about the impact of this displacement on the inhabitants.

What is the Government of Canada's position on this situation? Have you or any other Canadian representative communicated with Israeli authorities regarding this case?

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your reply.

Paul Dewar, M.P.
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