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**Letter dated 16 December 2014 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Ambassadorial Group of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in New York to express OIC condemnation in the strongest terms of the crime of killing Minister Ziad Abu Ein, head of the Palestinian Authority Committee against the Separation Wall, by the Israeli occupation forces while participating in a peaceful protest against settlements and land confiscation on 10 December 2014. This heinous crime is a manifestation of the ongoing Israeli repression, aggression and terrorism against the Palestinian people. Minister Abu Ein, who was leading the peaceful marchers in planting olive trees on Palestinian land to mark International Human Rights Day, died as a direct result of the excessive use of force and violence used by the Israeli occupying forces against the peaceful demonstrators.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation calls for putting an end to the Israeli military occupation of the Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the illegal actions by the occupying power that have claimed the lives of thousands of civilians, inflicted massive destruction and exacerbated the socioeconomic and humanitarian hardship of the Palestinian people in violation of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law.

Furthermore, OIC stresses the need for the Security Council to uphold its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and to act forthwith to implement its relevant resolutions to promote the achievement of a just, lasting and peaceful settlement to this prolonged and tragic conflict, and to realize the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation also expects the brutal murder of Minister Abu Ein to be investigated impartially and thoroughly and that those responsible will be brought to justice. It would be highly appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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