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Dear President Ursula von der Leyen;

First and foremost, allow us to congratulate you on receiving an honorary doctorate from Ben Gurion University. We take your keynote address to heart particularly your recollection of the Holocaust as “an indelible stain” on your country’s (Germany) conscience “which we must never and will never forget”.

For this reason, as a prominent Canadian global NGO, we speak on behalf of our boards consisting of many influential leaders in saying that we are severely disappointed that the European Union has announced it will unfreeze aid for Palestinians without condition.

The aid was frozen on condition that the PA ensures all educational materials adhere fully to UNESCO standards of peace, tolerance, co-existence, and non-violence. It was specific to the Antisemitism that continues to be found in Palestinian Authority curriculum for school children.

Media reports indicate that in a meeting with Palestinian PM Mohammed Shtayyeh that “all difficulties are gone”. This will result in the transfer of some \$627US million to the Palestinian Authority without any stated changes to its curriculum – or for that matter, its continued funding of terrorism through the “Pay-for-Slay” program.

In your remarks at Ben Gurion University you said, “every generation must take responsibility so that the past does not return”. We implore you to hold true to these words and make any funding to the PA conditional on its adherence to UNESCO’s stated values.

While we are advocates of a two-state solution, our Canadian, American and international leaders are disheartened by this form of enabling that only jeopardizes further any possibility of peace. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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