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The Honorable Scott Bessent  
Secretary of the Treasury  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Bessent,

We write to encourage the Treasury Department to designate the Palestinian Conference for Palestinians Abroad (PCPA) as an affiliate of Hamas and a Specially Designated Terrorist Group under Executive Order 13224.

Established in 2018, the PCPA functions as Hamas's representative body abroad. Under the guise of a civilian organization, it orchestrates violent demonstrations, anti-Israel flotillas, and other provocations aimed at destabilizing the region and advancing Hamas's global agenda of eliminating the State of Israel and the Jewish people.

Israel designated the PCPA a terrorist organization in 2021. Now, new documents uncovered by Israeli forces in Gaza, and released by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, offer new insight into the group's terrorist ties. These documents include an official letter from Hamas Political Bureau Chief Ismail Haniyeh and a roster of senior PCPA operatives, conclusively establishing the organization's ties to Hamas. Ultimately, the PCPA is not a benign advocacy group, but a coordinated network engaged in propaganda, logistical support, and international mobilizations on Hamas's behalf.

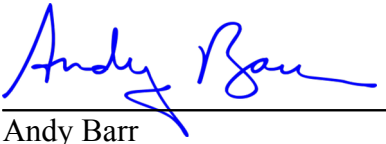
At a time when the United States and its allies are working to promote peace and stability in the Middle East, we must confront organizations whose actions are the antithesis of those goals. The PCPA's alignment with Hamas and its incitement of violence represent an acute challenge to regional and international security.

Most recently, the PCPA helped fund a flotilla of propaganda ships to violate Israel's legal naval blockade of Gaza. While the flotilla claims its effort is to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, it has rejected multiple offers by Israeli officials to provide the aid via established channels.

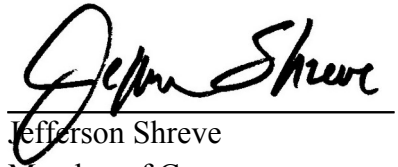
We urge you to act swiftly to designate the PCPA and its affiliates, impose targeted sanctions, and hold accountable those who facilitate terrorism under the guise of civil society. Such action will disrupt the group's capacity to bolster Hamas operations, prolong the war, obstruct the return of hostages, and perpetuate a cycle of violence in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. We remain committed to working with you to ensure that the United States continues to lead in the global fight against terrorism.

Sincerely,



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