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DÉPUTÉE AU PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN

Baroness Catherine Ashton
High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy
European Commission
BERL 12/211
1049 Brussels

Strasbourg, the 11th of March 2010

Dear Lady Ashton,

The European Parliament adopted a Resolution this Thursday 11th March calling for the immediate release of Gilad Shalit.

We, authors of the text and representative of our different political groups, convey to you the request to raise the case during your visit in Gaza scheduled next Wednesday 17th March.

Gilad Shalit, an Israeli and European citizen is being held in captivity for almost 4 years now by the Hamas in Gaza.

This is a humanitarian issue, we therefore ask you to insist on allowing the ICRC to visit Gilad Shalit without delay and to allow him to communicate with his family in accordance with the Geneva conventions.

Sincerely Yours,

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