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**The President of the State of Israel,**  
His Excellency Reuven Rivlin

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His Excellency,

I write to you in order to express our strongest condemnation of the situation faced by Nour Kayed Faiq Issa, a 16 year-old minor from Anata, East Jerusalem, who has been held in “administrative detention” without charges or trial since April 13<sup>th</sup> 2013. We urge you to take all the necessary measures to bring about his release.

His case is far from exceptional. Over 300 Palestinian children are currently incarcerated in Israeli prisons and detention centres where they suffer serious violations of their rights as well as interrogations, are treated as adults, and have different judicial processes applied to them depending on their nationality and residence status. This is recorded in reports published by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), as well as NGOs such as Addameer, Defense for Children International -Palestine, B’Tselem and HaMoked. These practices represent unacceptable violations of the International Law and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the State of Israel on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2005.

We demand that you abide by the international law concerning the rights of the child, including not just the Convention on the Rights of the Child, but also the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (The Beijing Rules) as well as the United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty. We ask you to take immediate action to the fulfilment of these requirements, especially in regards to those included within the *Concluding observations on the second to fourth periodic reports of Israel, adopted by the Committee at its sixty-third session*, where the Committee on the Rights of the Child strongly urged your State party to ‘*dismantle the institutionalized system of detention and use of torture and ill-treatment of Palestinian children at all stages of the judicial procedure*’.

Looking forward to hearing from you on this crucial matter.

Yours sincerely,