**The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600**

**(Alternatively:**

**Senator the Hon. Penny Wong,**

**Minister for Foreign Affairs**

**Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600)**

**(Alternatively: Your local MP)**

Dear Prime Minister Albanese, (or Dear Minister Wong / your local MP)

I / We am / are a member / community of the Uniting Church in Australia, and I / we write with deep concern for the catastrophic humanitarian crisis and the unlawful occupation in Palestine.

In July, the Uniting Church joined with the global Christian community through the World Council of Churches to name the situation in Palestine as an apartheid, demand an end to the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories and affirm the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Palestinian people.

This position builds on our previous calls for an immediate ceasefire and the flow of humanitarian aid, the release of all Israeli hostages and all detained Palestinians, and targeted sanctions for Israeli settlers responsible for serious human rights abuses.

In making these calls, our desire is for true peace and the full restoration of dignity and security to every person in Palestine and Israel. We affirm there can be no peace without justice, and no peace in the current conditions under which so many suffer.

We welcome the Australian Government’s announcement that it will recognise a Palestinian state, and thank you for other actions already taken. Yet we believe the international community must take further tangible action to see justice and bring this suffering to an end.

It is imperative that the Australian government:

* Take all possible steps to end Israel’s unlawful occupation of Palestinian territories, in line with the 2024 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice which reaffirmed the illegality of Israel’s prolonged occupation.
* Support full accountability for all violations of international law through the International Criminal Court and International Court of Justice.
* Immediately end and all any remaining weapons exports to Israel and provide greater transparency over Australia’s weapons exports.

We thank you for your leadership in these difficult times. We urge you to continue to act with boldness and resolve, moving beyond words and partial measures toward actions that will bring justice for the Palestinian people, accountability, and lasting peace for all in the Holy Land.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

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