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To the Ambassador of Egypt  
Mr Mahmoud Ahmad Samir Samy

Amsterdam, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Subject: Aid Convoy to Gaza

Excellency,

We write to you to express our great concern about the events that are taking place today close to the border of Gaza at El Arish. It has come to our knowledge that 2000 Egyptian riot police in El Arish are surrounding and indeed attacking the Viva Palestina aid convoy of more than 200 vehicles, including ambulances and minibuses filled with humanitarian aid destined for the suffering and blockaded people of Gaza.

Your government has likewise prevented the entry into Gaza of the Gaza Freedom Marchers who wish to support the people of Gaza by opening up the borders.

We request you with great urgency to convey our call to the Egyptian Government to withdraw the riot police and allow the aid convoy to drive into Gaza and complete its mission.

We will not remain quiet in the face of this great injustice to the Palestinian people locked up in Gaza. We will also not remain quiet in response to Egypt's stated intention to draw up a steel wall between itself and Gaza, thus closing the only remaining avenues for the passage of essential goods for our brothers living in the greatest prison on this world.

We hope the Egyptian Government will take note of this concern held not only by us, but by a global movement for peace and justice for the Palestinian people.

Yours sincerely,

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Netherlands Palestine Committee