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Dear Mr. Malki,

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) presents its compliments to the Local Aid Coordination Secretariat (LACS), and congratulate you on the recent election of the State of Palestine by acclamation as one of the five vice-presidents of the Habitat III Conference - and the only Arabic State-, representing Asia-Pacific States. This is a clear testament to the dedicated commitment of the State of Palestine to the New Urban Agenda adopted at the Habitat III Conference that took place in October, 2016 in Quito, Ecuador.

I am writing to inform you that Mr. Joe Hooper, UN-Habitat Head of Office, Palestine Programme has left his position from the beginning of December 2016, and Mr. Zeyad Elshakra has been assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Palestine Programme.

I would like to assure you that the new office arrangements in Palestine will not affect the collaboration UN-Habitat has been enjoying with the Local Aid Coordination Secretariat (LACS) and I wholeheartedly believe that under your leadership we can achieve even more together.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you the soonest to keep you abreast with UN-Habitat plans at the local, regional, and global levels.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best regards,



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