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### Great Return March: Marking the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Dear Partner,

This year the Gaza Strip is marking the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Great Return March that has started on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2018. Given the potential military escalation by the end of March 2019 and anticipated large influx of casualties to the hospitals, the Ministry of Health calls on all its partners, both international and local, to mobilize all available resources and coordinate efforts to be prepared for and to respond timely to any emergency situation.

As the public health sector has been overwhelmed and exhausted for the last decade by multiple challenges and protracted crises, the Ministry of Health seeks the support of every and each health organization in securing the needed emergency drugs, medical disposables and other supplies (attached to this letter for your easy reference) in order to confront potential violent events and deal with expected high number of injuries.

Your contributions and support are highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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