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Dear Adnan Hmidan,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 October about the interception of the Gaza Sumud Flotilla. The Parliamentary Correspondence Team in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has been asked to reply.

We were very concerned about the situation involving the Global Sumud flotilla. The FCDO engaged with the Israeli authorities to make clear our expectation that the situation was resolved safely, in accordance with international law and with full respect for the rights of all individuals involved.

This remains our position for any future flotillas. We continue to monitor developments closely and provide consular support where appropriate, in accordance with our published guidance.

Consular officials liaised with the Israeli to ensure the basic needs of all British nationals and unrepresented commonwealth nationals were being met before they were deported. They have all now left Israel.

We expect that anyone taken into detention from future flotillas will be swiftly removed deported from Israel. We take this opportunity to highlight FCDO travel advice against all travel to Gaza, including via the sea, and therefore remind you that British government advice is not to attempt to enter Gaza.

For more information about the consular support available to British nationals overseas, you may wish to see the following guide:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-british-nationals-abroad-a-guide>

Yours sincerely,

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