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**Emne:** NGO Monitor response to Minister Anders Samuelsen

Mr. Anders Samuelsen  
Minister of Foreign Affairs

February 8, 2018

Dear Mr. Samuelsen

It has come to our attention that you mentioned NGO Monitor and our work during a consultation at the Foreign Affairs Committee on February 1, 2018.<sup>[1]</sup> In your address and answer to the Committee you leveled serious accusations and questioned the integrity of our research. We are compelled to respond.

NGO Monitor is an independent research institute that provides information and analysis, and supports discussion on the reports and activities of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict. All information in our reports is based on publically available sources and is presented with citations.

According to the evidence, Denmark funds groups that have alleged links to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). As you noted, the PFLP is a designated terrorist organization in the EU.<sup>[2]</sup> Given that we have no access to classified intelligence information on terror related activities, we can only provide publically available facts on reported ties between Danish funded non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the PFLP. These are mainly based on court rulings or on original PFLP sources. Do you consider these credible sources, and if not can you explain why?

Indeed, later in your remarks to the Foreign Affairs Committee you acknowledged that there were PFLP-NGO connections.

Rather than making accusations against NGO Monitor and dismissing the possibility of further Danish funding to terror affiliated and inappropriate groups, we urge you to persist with a thorough investigation of Danish NGO funding, together with relevant security services and publicize these findings.

Given the seriousness of the allegations, independent investigations are needed to ensure public funds are appropriately allocated. We welcomed the investigations that ended in your government defunding the organization WATC, but we question how such organizations were considered suitable partners for human rights projects in the first place.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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[1] <http://www.ft.dk/samling/20171/almdel/URU/samspm/M/index.htm>

[2] <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016D1136&qid=1474969819578&from=EN>

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