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Excellency

I enclose a child's shoe.

This is not intended as any form of insult.

It is my form of a memorial just I have seen shoes as a memorial in Yad Vashem and in Khan Younis.

It is my memorial to the hundreds of children killed in the Gaza Strip these last three weeks.

It is my memorial to the thousands of children whose parents have been killed in Gaza and across the Occupied Palestinian territories of the West Bank, through years of conflict

The bombardment of Gaza is a wholly disproportionate assault on non-combatant civilians and must cease. I have been in Gaza during an air raid and know how the close packed buildings suffer great damage. The current assault is so much more wrong as the IODF are targeting schools and hospitals deliberately.

The siege of Gaza by land, sea and air has created the conditions where extremists flourish and smugglers profit.

How can normal life proceed under siege?

Gaza has a border with Egypt, a coastline and airspace. Allowing trade and travel is the right of the people of the Gaza Strip, even if you deny them access to your territory.

I have been in Gaza at times of harvest and seen the potential the people have to earn some income from overseas trade. They could do this over sea and though the air without crossing Israel's territory.

It seems to me that Israel has the intention of starving out and bombing out the Palestinian people in the territory of the Gaza Strip.

It has not been my intention to cause alarm by sending this. I know this package will have caused security concerns. I have visited the embassy at the invitation of one of your predecessors and have experienced the security there.

If you think this shoe would be better used by a child than as a memorial, my MP, Sir Richard Shepherd has the other. You could let him have this shoe with your response to me which I am sure he will be pleased to pass on.

This is my call to you for reason and the opportunities to build peace out of conflict.

Peter Kelsall

Address not shown here but was included in full on the copy sent to the embassy