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Dear Father Peter,

After the busiest two weeks (second half of September) in the United Nations life and in the midst of the high segment of the Plenaries of the six Main Committees of the General Assembly, I am writing to thank you very much for all you and your collaborators did to make my stay in Houston on 7-9 September 2018 very pleasant. I had a most enjoyable and fruitful time in Dallas. But most of all, I was very grateful to the Lord to have contribute in some way to raise awareness of the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land and in the wider Middle East.

I also wish to congratulate you for the successful organization of the Gala Dinner to honor very deserving people and to raise funds to help Christians remain in the Holy Land and in the wider Middle East. As I said in my address during the dinner, we must help to restore a certain sense of normalcy to their lives so that they can realize their right to remain in their homelands. The presence of the Franciscans in the Holy Land has been such a gift of God's Providence to encourage and empower them through education and other initiatives to remain in the cradle of their faith.

With my best wishes and prayers for you and your ministry, I remain

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Bernardito Auza

Papal Nuncio,

Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations