

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

We urge you to investigate the recent incident involving a breakthrough of the Israeli-Egyptian blockade of the Gaza Strip. Specifically, we call on you to investigate the actions of the Turkish relief organization, Insan Hak ve Hurriyetleri ve Insani Yardim Vakfi (IHH), in the flotilla, and the role of the Turkish government in supporting IHH's actions.

It is well known that the IHH, which identifies itself as a charity organization focused on humanitarian relief, has been linked to terrorist organizations, like Hamas, with the express intent to annihilate Israel. Unfortunately, it has also been suggested that the Turkish government, a longtime ally of the United States, perhaps played a part in funding or organizing the flotilla, of which IHH was a part.

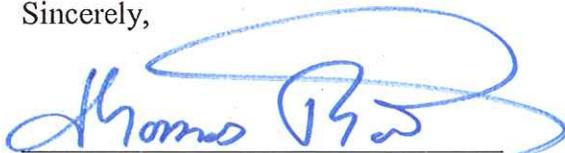
The international response to the attempted breach was to condemn Israel for its defensive actions and call for an end to the blockade. It is disappointing that a long-standing strategic ally of the United States has been abandoned by most of the international community before the facts of the incident have been fully evaluated.

It is therefore the duty of the U.S., in defense of the obvious attacks against our sole democratic partner in the Middle East, and in the hopes of clearing the name of our ally Turkey, to lead the charge in investigating such a grave matter.

We believe an investigation into the IHH's involvement in the flotilla – and Turkey's possible connection to IHH in this matter – is a necessary action for the United States to take. Israel and the international community deserve to know the truth.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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