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Dear Mr. Horslund,

Thank you for your response. We are pleased to learn from you and from recent media reports that Denmark will review its funding to Palestinian organizations to ensure funds are not allocated to groups that incite hatred and violence. We also note your statement that “credible documentation of grantees having acted against the guidelines signed in the cooperation agreement with Secretariat will be a factor in this process.”

NGO Monitor conducts detailed and fully sourced research on the activities and funding of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Our research is verifiable and based on readily accessible evidence. As described in our open letter (May 21, 2017), Denmark is currently providing core funding to a number of organizations that promote violent and/or antisemitic rhetoric.

One such organization is directly involved in a widely condemned incident this week. As documented by NGO Monitor, the Palestinian NGO [Women's Affairs Technical Committee](#) (WATC) received \$530,000 (2014-2016) in core funding from the Ramallah-based [Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat](#) (the Secretariat), funded by Denmark.

In May 2017, WATC inaugurated a youth center for girls in the town of Burqa, near Nablus. The center is [named](#) after Dalal Mughrabi, a terrorist who in 1978 murdered 37 civilians, including 12 children. WATC's logo is prominently featured on the center's building. While Norway and the United Nations have both withdrawn their support and demanded their logos be removed, WATC has not done so to date. Furthermore, the claim that WATC was unaware of the issue is not credible, in light of the extensive coverage of the dedication event on their website.

This is only one of many such examples. It is important to note in this context that the Norwegian government briefly [funded](#) the Secretariat in the second half of 2016, before reversing this decision after senior officials learned of the funding details.

We commend the Danish Government's initiative in reviewing funding to Palestinian organizations. We hope that the information provided here and in other correspondences will be taken into account in the coming review, and for further details on Secretariat-funded NGOs please see our [report](#).

Sincerely,

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