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Mr. Adam Uriel Ruff Peace Team 2014

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Dear Mr. Ruff,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health.

In reference to your letter, regarding your proposal to form a bi-national peace team for the upcoming FIFA world cup, we would like to thank you very much for such an inspired notion, though we regretfully cannot go through with it.

We have thoroughly discussed the idea amongst all parties concerned within the PFA, and I admit we all liked it, but not in the current situation, with the way things are, and the difficulties our athletes, sport institutions, and our sport infrastructure suffer at the hands of the Israeli occupation. It would not be credible to our people, neither –I think- would it be credible to yours.

And as I express our regret for not being able to realize such a noble endeavor, I do hope we can achieve it in the future under the right circumstances.

Kindest Regards

Abdelmajeed Hijjeh General Secretary Palestine Football Association