



Peoples' Peace Campaign

حملة السلام الشعبية

His Excellency Mr. Antonio Bassolino
President of Campania
Italy

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Your Excellency,

I am very much looking forward to seeing you again next Friday. We hope that the Human Chain initiative will be a great success. It was a great disappointment to us all to hear the problems you had with the boat; however, as you are aware, we are perhaps better placed than anyone else to understand the difficulties you had to face.

I very much hope, however, that in the spirit of the *Time for Peace* document we launched together in December, the Italian contingent in the Human Chain will be as powerful and present as it should be. The dire situation that Palestinians and Israelis are living at present makes it all the more important to ensure that such human and peaceful initiatives are successful. The despair needs to be overcome; and it is only through such non-violent means, and with the help and support of the friends of peace around the world, and in Italy in particular, that we can find hope once again.

Our team here has been working tirelessly to make the Human Chain work. We have already received large numbers of volunteers, who have flown out in chartered flights from Umbria, Toscana and others. Arrangements have been made to receive the delegation and volunteers from Campagna when they arrive. I would appreciate it if your team could advise Huda of the number of people and their date of arrival, in order to work out the final details. I know that people are particularly excited by the offer you made to send a musical ensemble to liven up the atmosphere. Please let us know if they need any special arrangements made for them.

Once again, I am greatly looking forward to seeing you again, with Marie, in Jerusalem next week. Your efforts are, as always, greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Sari Nusseibeh