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H.E. Ambassador Nikki R. Haley

United States Mission to the United Nations

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**Request for a Resolution to Protect Civilian Translators/Interpreters**

**in Conflict Situations**

Your Excellency,

I am/We are deeply concerned about the vulnerability of civilian translators and interpreters operating in high-risk settings. As recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have made tragically evident, linguists in such settings are being injured and killed in significant numbers. Globally, they have become priority targets of state and non-state actors alike, who view them as traitors, spies, or subversives and imprison, abduct, torture, and murder them with impunity.

Protecting this vulnerable population is of the utmost importance. Translators and interpreters are indispensable to all types of international operations; by bridging language gaps and fostering communication, they provide crucial support not only during armed conflict but also during post-conflict peace-building.

Therefore, I am/we are joining Red T and the world’s major language associations–AIIC, FIT, IAPTI, CLI, and WASLI–in urging the United Nations to issue a Resolution to Protect Civilian Translators/Interpreters in Conflict Situations. The status quo cannot continue! That is why I/we hope [name of country] will take the initiative to sponsor such a resolution. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

[Your signature]

[Your organizational affiliation]