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Navi Pillay
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Dear Navi Pillay

On behalf of Australian Quakers I write to thank you for the commitment, independence and resilience you have shown during your time as UN Commissioner for Human Rights. We believe you have raised the profile of the Office and given encouragement to many who have been suffering from abuses of their human rights and dignity.

The world needs strong advocacy for peace and justice, and we recognise that you have used your United Nations role effectively in reminding the international community of the importance of responding promptly and compassionately to the tragic human suffering caused by violent conflicts.

You have also supported the role of NGOs and civil society (particularly human rights defenders) in holding that community to account through the Human Rights Council and other UN agencies.

We note that you have a concern to ensure that the resources needed for the work of the Office are increased to meet the ongoing demand from many countries and people for assistance, especially in relation to training and monitoring in the field offices of UNCHR. We will forward a copy of this letter to our Foreign Minister to seek support by the Australian Government for such resources to be made available by the United Nations.

May I, on behalf of Quakers in Australia, wish you well in your future endeavours for a better world.

In peace

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julian Robertson".

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