



September 27, 2012

To
The Secretariat of the International Fact-Finding Mission on Israeli Settlements in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory

Dear Madam/Sir,

Re: The Association for Civil Rights in Israel's position on Israeli settlements in the
Occupied Territory

In response to the Fact-Finding Mission's Call for Submissions, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) would like to extend its regards to the respected members of the Mission, appointed to investigate the issue of Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and their implications on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Territory.

ACRI is Israel's oldest and largest human rights organization and the only one dealing with the entire spectrum of rights and civil liberties issues in Israel and the Occupied Territory. An independent and non-partisan organization, ACRI's mandate is to ensure Israel's accountability and respect for human rights, by addressing violations committed by the Israeli authorities in Israel, the Occupied Territory, or elsewhere.

ACRI has been dealing with the issues mandated to the Fact Finding Mission for many years and has voiced its professional stance on them on numerous occasions, both in legal submissions and in various publications. Most recently, ACRI elaborated its legal analysis of the issues at hand in its [submission the Levy Committee](#) appointed by the Israeli Government on January 2012 to Examine the State of Construction in Judea and Samaria. Other relevant materials can be found on ACRI's website: www.acri.org.il.

We wish the members of the Mission much success in their work on this important and long-standing issue.

Sincerely,

Adv. Tamar Feldman
Director of the Human Rights in the Occupied Territory Department.