## ISRAEL / OPT / STATE OF PALESTINE CEO Stephen Kaufer: Stop Profiting From Palestinian Suffering! Settlements are on stolen Palestinian land. They are not tourist destinations!

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## Mr. Stephen Kaufer, CEO of TripAdvisor:

We, the undersigned, call on you as CEO of TripAdvisor to stop listing or promoting properties, activities and attractions located in illegal Israeli settlements or run by settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Since 1967, when Israel captured and occupied the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, the Israeli government has promoted the creation and expansion of settlements.

Settlements have a devastating impact on a wide range of human rights of the Palestinian people, including their rights to an adequate standard of living, to housing, to health, to freedom of movement and to education. The existence of settlements also cripples the Palestinian economy. In driving tourism to the settlements, TripAdvisor is contributing to these human rights violations.

TripAdvisor lists more than 70 different properties, activities and attractions in illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). By doing so, TripAdvisor is boosting the settlement economy and contributing to settlement expansion. The company's promotion of settlements as a tourist destination helps to "normalise" and legitimise them to the public. Settlements are illegal under international law - their creation amounts to a war crime. We therefore ask you to:

• stop listing tourist accommodation, activities and attractions in settlements or run by settlers in the occupied Palestinian territories, including East Jerusalem.



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