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Aqid (Hamas rank for Colonel) / Director of the Division of Public Activity may Allah protect him,
May peace and Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you,

Subject \ Forming an opinion on the Norwegian Refugee Council carrying out a field survey

Firstly, we extend to you our best wishes and ask Allah almighty to give you health and endless reward,

As part of security monitoring, a letter from the Public Affairs [unit] arrived on 02/07/2021, in order to form an opinion on the request by the Norwegian Refugee Council to start carrying out the project titled, "contributing to the protection of Gaza Strip residents affected by violations of their basic rights and deprived of access to urgent needs," we hereby notify you that the submitted request has been examined and the following are the outcomes:

Measures taken on the matter:

- Examining the questionnaire that is intended to be used in the survey in order to form a security view, in cooperation with the brothers in the Division of Analysis and Research.
- On 06/07/2021 the Public Affairs was contacted in order to request for the Project's data.
- The names of [project] team members were checked via the Security Guide program [Hamas' database of individuals deemed 'security threats'] in order to verify that there are no security observations.

Details on the Project:

Project Title	The project - contributing to the protection of Gaza Strip residents affected by violations of their basic rights	**Implementing Party**	The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) association
Partnering with	Mercy Corps	**Funding Party**	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
No. of Research Sample	12000 poor families. The targeted sector's data were acquired from the Ministry of Social Development	**No. of Beneficiaries**	1499 families in the amount of 300 Euro to each family for five successive months

Period of Project	From June 2021 to December 2021	**Implementing Mechanism**	Field visits and phone calls
Targeted Areas	All five districts [of Gaza]	**Project Goal**	Answering the essential needs of severely vulnerable families and societies affected by crises

Evaluation:

The number of names that granting associations are asking for from the Ministry of Social Affairs compared to the names of [actual] beneficiaries is raising concerns.

The Norwegian [Refugee] Council is classified is a foreign association that has direct communication with the association's country of origin, therefore it is not farfetched that security parties will make use of the information that the association will acquire, and will later study this information and make use of it in the context of security-related targets.

Regarding the questionnaire:

	Page and Article	The required article in the questionnaire	Revised to
1.	Page 10, article 4.2	Whether your housing unit consisted of a family household and whether your family is currently in danger of evacuation? (this is also equal to [asking] whether you have been living with a family on government land or added land)	Illegal presence
2.	Page 10, article 4.3	The government required our family to leave	Illegal presence

Recommendation:

- Allow the project to be carried out [only] following revision.

With great respect and appreciation,

The Branch of Security of Associations

Attached:

- Team members
- Statements regarding the projects.

Team members of the project: 'who have been checked via the [Security] Guide'

#	Name	ID No.	Phone No.	District	Affiliation	Important Information
1.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Gaza	Without	✓ No information on the guide

2.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Gaza	Without	✓ No information on the guide
3.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Center camps	Without	✓ No information on the guide
4.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Gaza	Without	✓ No information on the guide
5.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Gaza	Without	✓ No information on the guide
6.	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	Gaza	Without	✓ No information on the guide