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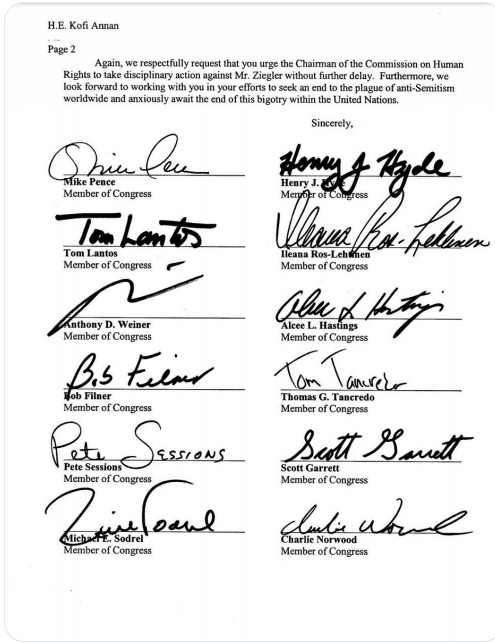
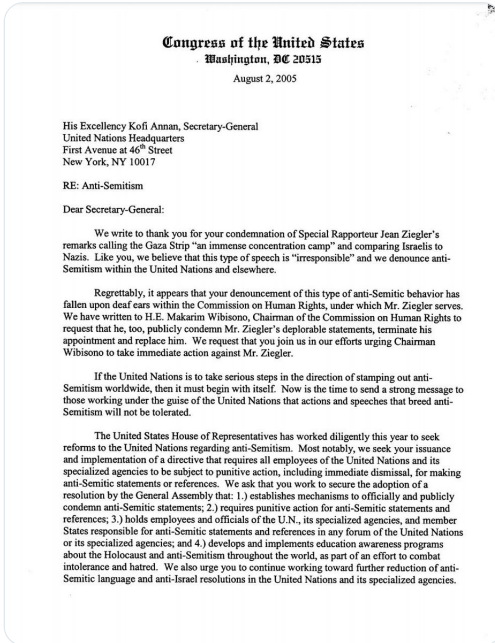
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In 2005, notorious UNHRC official Jean Ziegler said Israel was making Gaza a "concentration camp."

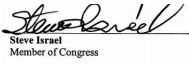
When I protested, he claimed he meant other camps, not the Nazis.

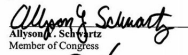
But UN rights chief Arbour slammed him for "evoking Nazi Germany."

So did 70 Congressmen incl. [@RepJerryNadler](https://twitter.com/RepJerryNadler).




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Here's the internal UN draft of the letter I received from UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour, saying that Jean Ziegler's references to concentration camps were "evocative of Nazi Germany, and in my view, inflammatory."

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Objet: Letter of 7 July 2005 from United Nations Watch			
Subject:			
Further to your fax dated 14 July 2005 please find attached a draft reply for the Secretary-General to the letter from Mr. Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of United Nations Watch, concerning recent remarks made by Mr. Ziegler.			
Best regards.			
Kofi Annan			
Mr. Alfred H. Moser, Chairman Mr. Hillel C. Neuer, Executive Director UN Watch Fax: (41 22) 734 14 72			

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23 July 2005

Dear Ambassador Moser,
Dear Mr. Neuer,

I wish to refer to your letter dated 7 July 2005 in which you raised some concerns regarding statements allegedly made by Mr. Jean Ziegler.

First of all, I would like to recall that on 7 July I conveyed, through my Spokesman, that I believe any comparison between conditions in Gaza and those of concentration camps is irresponsible. I also communicated at that time that as Mr. Ziegler is an independent expert who reports to the Commission on Human Rights, his views are his own. Indeed, as you are aware, the independence of the mandate holder is one of the most important features of the special procedure. These features have been repeatedly reaffirmed in numerous resolutions of the Commission on Human Rights. Moreover, the report of the international open-ended working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission outlines that the special procedure mandate holders are appointed by the Chairpersons of the Commission; they are accountable only to the Commission which in turn assesses the appropriateness of their work and gives further directions and guidance through its resolutions and decisions.

Now the last, and further to your correspondence, High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour enquired with Mr. Ziegler about the nature of his statement of 13 July 2005 in Geneva during a demonstration for the Cause of Justice for Palestine. Mr. Ziegler informed Ms Arbour that he was participating in this initiative solely in his personal capacity and that the statements you referred to was a quote from Michael Wachsberg, an Israeli scholar.

I share the view of the High Commissioner as expressed following her exchange with Mr. Ziegler that any reference to concentration camps in the context of discussion of conditions in Gaza or the occupied Palestinian territory in general is inevitably evocative of Nazi Germany and as such inflammatory.

Kofi Annan

Mr. Alfred H. Moser, Chairman
Mr. Hillel C. Neuer, Executive Director
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Our original complaint as received and annotated by the office of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

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Please find attached a letter dated 7 July 2005 from Mr. Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of United Nations Watch, concerning recent remarks made by Mr. Ziegler. We would be grateful if a draft reply could be prepared for the Secretary-General.

Best regards.

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His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan
The Secretary-General
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Via fax: 212-963-2155

7 July 2005

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

One year after you admirably called on United Nations officials and member states to take action against the alarming resurgence of anti-Semitism, which you described as "a unique manifestation of hatred, intolerance and persecution," Jean Ziegler, the U.N. special rapporteur on the right to food, is once again promoting blatantly anti-Semitic stereotypes by comparing Israelis to Nazis. We urge you to condemn Mr. Ziegler's hateful remarks, which cast a shadow upon the vital work of the U.N. human rights machinery. To paraphrase your speech from last year, the United Nations must not, cannot be silent.

The incident in question, as reported by Switzerland's *Le Courrier* yesterday (a copy of the article is enclosed here), occurred on Tuesday of this week, July 5, 2005. Jean Ziegler, speaking before a pro-Palestinian demonstration in Geneva, called the Gaza Strip "an immense concentration camp," and compared Israelis to concentration camp guards: "Mr. Ziegler then urged the crowd to pressure Europeans to boycott Israeli goods," reported *Le Courrier*.

Mr. Ziegler's depiction of Israelis as concentration camp guards is an obvious comparison of Israelis with Nazis. According to the Working Definition of Antisemitism of the European Union's Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia (EUMC), "drawing comparisons of Israeli policy to that of the Nazis" is a classic manifestation of this form of hatred." (See www.eumc.eu.int.) Indeed, the U.N.'s own Special Rapporteur on racism, Mr. Doudou Diène, recently cited the expert opinion that anti-Semitism occurs "[w]hen Israelis and Jews are represented as cosmic devils, blamed for global disasters and compared with Nazis." ("Defamation of Religions and Global Efforts to Combat Racism," Dec. 13, 2004, E/CN.4/2005/18/Add.4.)

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As you know, this is not the first time Mr. Ziegler has made such odious statements. Indeed, in our report "Blind to Burundi," we detailed how Mr. Ziegler has abused his position, by ignoring the world's food emergencies in order to pursue an extremist political agenda bearing no nexus to his mandate on hunger. Between 2000 and 2004, he used his UN mandate to excoriate Israel at least 24 times, while making no statements about food emergency countries. Mr. Ziegler's previous statements bear striking resemblance to the latest offending remarks, showing his pattern and practice of using demonizing and dehumanizing language targeted against the Jewish state. (See http://www.unwatch.org/wordpress/blind_to_burundi.pdf at 10.)

We salute the leadership you have shown in speaking out against anti-Semitism, and hope that you will condemn the promotion of blatantly anti-Semitic stereotypes by Mr. Ziegler, who continues to cite his U.N. credentials in pursuit of his biased and hateful agenda.

With great respect, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Alfred H. Moses
Chairman

Hillel C. Neuer
Executive Director

Attachment

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La Caravane pour la Palestine passe par Genève

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And here's the full bipartisan list of 70 members of Congress who condemned use of the term "concentration camp" to make false analogies with the Nazis:

<https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/US-Israel/AnnanLetter.pdf>

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