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Dear Mr. Benlolo,

Thank you for your letter of May 13, 2008 wherein you expressed your concern about the use of the Palestinian flag with the subheading "Flag of Jerusalem West Bank Gaza."


We acknowledge the fact that since the ultimate status of Jerusalem is a matter of negotiation, we will remove the Palestinian flag from our correspondence with World Vision Canada supporters.

World Vision's use of the Palestinian flag was not intended as a political statement or an indication of taking sides, but it is an example of the challenges of working in a situation where political/jurisdictional lines are blurred by the uncertain status of borders.

We would also like to explain that although all World Vision's development work is currently in the West Bank and Gaza, we also partner with Israeli organizations that work for the rights and protection of all children caught up in this conflict - both Israeli and Palestinian.

We trust that this explanation has alleviated your concerns. Should you have any further questions or concerns in the future we would be happy to respond.

Sincerely,



Jerry Lobo
Leader
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