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MY DECLARATION LETTER

Dear Your Honorable Judge,

My Name is Mohammad Mohammad I am a Palestinian refugee in the country of Syria but I was born in Syria on February 23rd 1993 but I do not have any nationality nor status from my birth country so there I am Stateless in my own birth country of Syria because my grandfather left Palestine in about 1948 due to the war of Israel with the Palestinian . I do have a special from AL UNRWA organization and they said to me and my family are Palestine refugees in Syria and we are original from Haifa and Haifa now a big city in Israel and the code of this card is (1_00163401).

I am a Muslim Sunni and my native language is Arabic and I am single. I lived in Damascus, Syria at a camp by the name of Al Yarmouk in Syria for Palestinian refugees I lived there with my parents and my one brother who is younger than me and who also has special needs due to his birth defect my parents and my brother are still living in the city of Damascus, Syria.

My father whose name is Yaseen Mohammad and he was born in Damascus, Syria and also he was born without a nationality on the month of March 7th 1962. My father studied as an electric engineering assistant but now his current job title is being a taxi driver. One day my father was arrested by the Syrian army from one of there check points that they had on the road one day on November of 2012 and my family and I have not seen him since nor do not know his whereabouts at that time and then after two weeks later from that incident he came back home without his taxi car and he was all beat up with bruises and cuts and with many marks on his face and body. He then told us that they the Syrian army told him that his name was identical from another person who is wanted and so they kept him in jail in which is underground in from the city they asked him questions like if he joined in Hamas before and they started to beat him badly with sticks but the real reason they arrested him was because he is a Palestinian refugee and they stole his taxi car and one of the military officers told him that this time we will let you but do not ask us about your car, and my father was lucky because some people get detained and for similar reasons and are not let go free.

My mother Hoda Al najjar was born in Damascus, Syria on April 25th 1971 and also she is without a national status stateless. My mother studied Arabic literature in the University of Damascus but she has not worked since and now she is a homemaker a house wife.

My brother's name is Samir Mohammad he was born in Syria Damascus on February 14th 1996 and also he does not have national status he is also stateless. My brother was with a spinal defect in which makes him shorter than his average height he studies french literature for now and he can not work 1

due to his spinal defect.

MY EDUCATION HISTORY

I started to study in the primary school at AL_KAWKAB school for male at at AL Yarmouk _camp and this school is a special school for Palestinian refugees and these schools are controlled by the (UNRWA) organization there I spent 7 years from 1999 to 2006 then I moved to AL KARMEL school there I spent 2 years from 2006 to 2008 then after that I attended high school which is a public school and because the UNRWA just built it for us primary and secondary schools, and the name of the school is Zin Al Deen Abdeen there I attended from 2008 to 2011. After that I moved to study in the health institute this is a medical school and I studied there intensive care and anesthesiology from 2011 to 2014. Then I registered in the opening education for any specialist for got more time in my permission for not serve in Syrian military. I would hope to continue my education but the problem was that the Syrian army needed to take me to serve in there military arm forces but besides my main study I tried every day to learn something new and to try to develop many study classes like life skills and (NLP).

MY EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION

I was working many jobs between my study years in the vacation just for three months for example one year in a market store then to another, and another one I did some painting as a painter but for my special study I had training in a public hospital like Damascus Hospital and I got a job in two hospitals but there were special hospitals and the two hospital names are Jaramana Hospital there I worked from August 20th 2014 to January 2015 there I worked as an Anesthesiology assistant in the surgery department. At Al_Mahini new Hospital there I worked from December 2014 to May 2015 there I worked as an Anesthesiology assistant in the incentive care unit, and these two hospitals are located in Damascus, Syria.

MY BELIEVES

I am a Muslim Sunni I believe that God is one and he is our creator and the ruler of the universe and I believe in the prophet Mohammad is his messenger of Allah. I believe that Allah sent him to us to show people how they should live and worship Allah.

Islam is a Arabic word for meaning (To submit) and this word comes from (AL_SALAM) and (AL_SAIAM) meaning (Peace) because of that Islam is a religion of love and brotherhood and I respect all other religions and I do not have any problems with any of them and because the religion is a personal thing and relation between God and the person and I believe in the Quran which is my holy book and I also believe in helping the poor people we all call this (ZAKAH) which means alms-giving and I believe that I should respect and take care of my parents because they gave me life and took care of me as I was growing up.

In Islam we believe that men and women are considered equal and the Islam put the women in a great place because she is a wife and a mother also Islam did not forget to let us Muslims know that we also need to take care of our loving animals. I also believe of all messengers and prophets like Moses and Jesus Christ, and I believe the prayer is a normal and a beautiful spiritual contact between a person and his God and I pray five times daily with all my heart.

I believe that God gave us what we need if we are sure about that, and that also I celebrate in the month of Ramadan which is my great month and I fast during this month every day from sunrise to sunset and this includes abstinence from sexual intercourse as well as from foods and drinks. I believe freedom 2

should be to all people of all race and color and I do not believe in war itself and punishment or to kill another human being and I do not agree with extremist Muslims groups like Isis and Al Nussra front.

MY POLITICAL OPINION

Before the war started in Syria the control there from one group (AL_ ALWEEN) with the dictatorial system from AL Bath party and his leader Hafez Al Assad and after him his son Bashar Al Assad with the same political, they think that Syria is only for them and that they can do whatever they want to who ever they want to and also controlling or murdering it's own citizens.

Hafez Al Assad had a bad history with Palestinian people in the 1970's he sent groups from his military army to kill Palestinian people in Tel Al zaatar which is a refugee camp in Lebanon and the home to some 50,000 people who they had killed and also many women and children with with the backing of former Syrian president Hafez Al Assad. For me I hate this system and Al Bath party and I believed that Syria was controlled from the dictator and also the Government made the Palestinian people suffer and because we are Palestinian refugees and they did it to discriminate us and punish us for many things:

I Was born in Syria but I could not receive any Syrian citizenship and second I could not practice any higher education as in studying for a master degree also I can not study many special skilled class courses at the University Collage and I can not vote for any type of political things, and I could not receive a regular passport to travel out Syria just the government give us like travel document with this travel document I could not travel to any country without visa and many country refuse to give us any kind of visas and I was not allowed to travel on many Airlines. And I was not allowed to travel to some areas in Syria without permission . And I can not share any of my opinions nor participate in trying to make better changes to the country and the life and living problems that the country faces also with the Syrian people because they think we stole from them their chances for getting jobs and studying education and so they look at us like second class people and for that we are pretty much forced to live in closed community's in which they call them (Camps for the Palestinian refugees in Syria) like my camp Ai Yarmouk camp.

Later when the war started the pressure had increased for the Palestinian people to enter the fight or join to any side, then two main organizations there share their opinions in the first the popular front of the Liberation of Palestine general command(PFLP_GC). With his leader Ahmed Jibreel they decided to be beside the Syrian Government and the fighting with the Syrian army another opinion for (HAMAS) they decided to be beside the opposition and for that I did not need to join with any of them but if I stayed in Syria I could not do it because they target me to join them and so this is one of the reasons why they took me out of Syria, and because I am tiered of racism and I want to carry a nationality and I want to feel that I have a country to call my own and that I am also equal to it's citizens of the country, and another reason I was arrested two times was because I am a Palestinian and because I am a Muslim Sunni and because I did not follow any type of political as well.

The first time I was detained which was on May of 2014 after I had left my camp and lived where it's area in which is named (Qadssaya) this area it is near (AL Alween) section that area's name is (Hai Alworrod) one day I had entered this area by error because I lived there for a few days and I did not know exactly all the streets at that time, then one time I ran into a check point and they asked me about my I.D. And when they saw that my I.D. Said you a Palestinian refugee and also a Muslim Sunni then asked me why did you enter our area and he said some group had sent me to do something bad and then he took me to one of the houses there who there I saw like three other people then the Government Agent had asked me if I had joined Hamas and while they were beating me and cursing at me very angry he then checked out my name in the data system from (Al Mokhabarat) it is like an FBI data base in the U.S. and when they saw that my history name was cleared after being detained for one whole 3

week but then they decided to release me but one of the agents said to me very angry that. If I ever enter like this again or any areas for (AL_alween) that I will be executed .

Second I was detained on January of 2015 while in Damascus I was riding in a public bus after I had finished my work at the hospital and I was on my way to down town and on the way there was a check point for the Syrian military army and they stopped the bus I was riding on with passengers and the soldiers asked me and the rest of the passengers in the bus to show them their IDs. Or any type of documents and they also asked me if I served in the military or no and if no give us your permission at that time my permission was not expired but then they took me to a place to dig a tunnel and they said to me we will protect you and for that you should help us as well and it was impossible for me to refuse because if I did they would think I would follow the opposition then I did not know what they can do and I was there with ten other people then after three days they did release me and during that time I was there they had blind folded me so that I would not know where the tunnel was nor where I was.

Another reason it is very important to serve in the Military Arm Forces in Syria and every person has to be a male not a female and in good shape, in good health, and wise with no diseases and has to be over 18 years of age or over. Before I was supposed to serve because I was studying at that time but when my permission became close to expiring because of that I also left Syria before my permission expired. I never submitted myself because it is impossible for me to serve in the Syrian military and because I do not believe in war and in fighting and killing innocent people and if I refused to serve and stay in Syria they will target me and they will consider me as a traitor then they will arrest me and they will subject me to torture and will eventually kill me and this is one of the dangerous things that I fear and am very scared and frightened that I know for sure it will happen to me if I return to Syria.

Another reason about my job, I worked in the medical field and I was subject to be arrested at any time because by the regime because they might suspect me for working for the opposition like many Doctors and medical staff workers from my camp some of them are my friends like doctor Abd Airazzak Jiiid. On the month December of 2012 as he sought to enter Yarmouk he was arrested and later his desecrated body was found two days later on Yarmouk street.

Another Example Abd Al Rahman Salameh an Assistant anesthetist was also arrested on September of 2013 his fate is unknown also I can not stay in any area in which is controlled by the opposition because the terrorist army group are targeting medical staff workers to working with them like Isis and Al Nusra Front and also in my area Al Yrmouk camp is in a disaster situation and it is known now as the camp of death. My home there was completely destroyed and the Syrian military with (PLP GC) made a siege around the with it's military army surrounding our camp about three years ago and the Syrian government forces had prevented all foods, water, medicine, clothing, and all other needed supplies from entering Yarmouk then the people did not find anything to eat and for that about 200 people died because of this the starvation and without any medical help and included women and children like a cousin of mine who fell victim to this siege her name was Maryam Mohamed and she was a young infant baby of only 55 days old and she passed away on October 1st 2014 in which it broke my heart to see her go at a very young age it was a very horrible situation at my camp home. And for now the fighting continued right there and every day many barrel bombs fall down and there are many sniper shooting attacks and later Isis entered Al Yarmouk on May of 2015 and with them the Syrian army they made a lots of humanitarian crisis and for all the reasons I have stated that I left Syria because I lived in constant fear and thinking and knowing that I could be arrested and killed at any moment of my life.

On November of 2013 I had an incident while I was Trying to travel to Thailand but when I was at 4

The airport in Lebanon and that airport's name is Al Hariri in Beirut the capital of Lebanon there I and with my ticket in hand to travel on the Gulf Airlines but then I was told by an airport officer that I was not

allowed to fly on the Gulf Airlines to Thailand because you are a Palestinian refugee from Syria and you do not have a regular passport. So then the officer called the Lebanon immigration officer and the immigration officer took me in a car to the Syrian border then I just went back the city of Damascus.

Now on May of 2015 I left Syria and took a flight to country of **Brazil** with a tourist visa then from there I traveled through these other countries **Peru** there I met a human smuggler who helped me reach to the border of **Ecuador** and then in **Colombia** there I met up with another human smuggler who also helped me to travel through a very dangerous jungle with dangerous poison snakes and wild jaguar cats, also dangerous monkey's and rebel soldiers that roam the jungles and that will do harm to foreign intruders like myself after that I traveled through **Panama** in which also I had to travel the ocean and through another dangerous jungle also with dangerous poison snakes, dangerous monkey's and big jaguar cats and it's dangerous rivers after that I continued going through **Costa Rica** there again at the border between **Panama** and **Costa Rica** I met up with another human smuggler who then helped travel through **Nicaragua**, and then By myself I traveled through these countries **Honduras**, **Guatemala**, **Mexico** then at last I got to the Mexican U.S. border and enter through the port of entry of San Ysidro, California U.S.A. But during my travel with my friend we spent 7 days in **Colombia**, **Panama** and for 4 days we did not eat and I did not know the way through this most dangerous jungle where my friend and I could have lost our lives and because of the guide smuggler was kidding with us about taking us all the way he just ended up disappearing I felt very lost and scared all I wanted was to reach the United States of America.

Actually I was looking for a safe life more over true democracy that is practiced in the U.S.A. right social amenities and good health, and when I grow up I dream to carry a nationality and having the feeling that this country I could call my own in also which can protect me with it's laws human right laws in which I never had and I will love to also help protect this great and most beautiful nation of the United States of America and also I would most love to continue my education in the medical in also helping people in need of medical help. I had chosen this country the United States of America and pray that it can help and protect me from the dangers that I most fear and in which I am very frighten of from the country I come from Syria.

SUMMARY OF FACTS

(1) I am a Palestinian refugee in Syria and I am (Stateless) because of that I suffered discrimination from the Government and it's regime and from the Syrian people themselves.

(2) Because I am a Palestinian refugee and also a Muslim Sunni and not joined in any group that I was physically harmed twice by the Syrian military and Al Alween and the Government agents in which they beat me badly and mistreated me very awful abusing and forcing to work without my consent.

(3) I refused to serve in the military and because of that I fled Syria before my education permission was expired and I refused to serve the military and if I would had stayed I would have been arrested or killed by them.

(4) I do fear very the Syrian military and the Government's regime that I face lots of danger and I fear and I am very frighten for my life of being in Syria and also because I work in the medical field in which they target any type of medical field worker.

(5) My home was completely destroyed and my living area is still for now in a siege and there are many humanitarian crisis and crime against human beings there and that is still happening all over the country as well by these barbaric people that is ISIS and the Syrian Army plus other fighting groups.

There for I ask you your honorable judge to please help from the dangerous deaths and violence that I 5

face in the country of Syria I come seeking refugee and protection from persecution and torture if I return to Syria. Please your honor I also ask you to please give me the opportunity to be embraced by this great and most beautiful nation in the world the United States of America in giving a chance to live a safer and better life and to have the opportunity to continue my medical field education and make something better for myself in life and I have hernia it is started after I coming to here and because of that every day I have a lot of pain and the solution for that operation and here I can not do it for that I hope from you your honorable judge to help me if I go out soon and do it and to get a job and work hard and also contributing my share of paying taxes to this country of the U.S.A.

And so enclosing this letter to you your honorable judge I want to thank you for taking the time in reading my letter and may God bless you and your loved ones "GOD BLESS AMERICA"

Sincerely

Mohammad Mohammad

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