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Attn: Francesca Albanese
Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory,
United Nations Human Rights Special Procedures,
Palais Des Nations,
1211 Geneva 10,
Switzerland

Response to the UN SRHRP Letter

Dear Madame Special Rapporteur,

We received your letter dated 22 April 2025. Palantir Technologies Inc. (“Palantir”) provides the following statement in response.

The letter is a bewilderingly shapeshifting document. It muddles the political with the legal, purported fact-finding with unsupported and unsubstantiated allegations, and emphatic judgments with speculative predictions. As a result, the letter is difficult to follow and makes it impossible to understand what it seeks to accomplish other than providing a vehicle for the expression of personal, partisan opinions. We express our dismay at seeing the UN functions used in such a manner.

Before we respond to certain inaccuracies in your letter, a few points bear mention.

First, Palantir has a longstanding commitment to the preservation of human rights. We have done so via our original mission in national security¹ as well as the work we have furthered around the protection of privacy² and enablement of technology governance. We have also done so through our partnerships with humanitarian organizations and public sector institutions vital to the protection of human rights.

Second, Palantir stands in solidarity with Israel in response to the horrific attacks on 7 October 2023. Our work in Israel long predates the 7 October attacks and is in line with our global commitment to U.S. allies and liberal democracies. We proudly support our partners in Israel across a multitude of mission sets, programs, and contexts.

In all of our work, including in Israel, Palantir respects and complies with applicable laws and regulations. Where we provide technical capabilities to support our customers’ defense and national security objectives, we do so in accordance with domestic, international, and humanitarian law. Palantir remains committed to the highest standards of regulatory, legal, and ethical obligations, including the protection of fundamental rights through the design and provision of our products and practices. This commitment is evident in our Human Rights Policy³ and other public statements.

You state that Palantir is “implicated in aiding and abetting actions that are at serious risk of constituting genocide...”. This claim relies on misstatements and misrepresentations of Palantir’s work with the Israeli government.



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We cannot address every falsehood in your letter in this response, but we cannot avoid responding here to the following:

“Since 2015, Palantir has been providing the Israeli government, including the Israeli Ministry of Defence with crucial technology to surveil Palestinians, including analyse [sic] civilian social media posts to predictively identify ‘threats’ since at least 2015.”

As an initial note, Palantir’s work with the Israeli Ministry of Defence only began in the wake of the attacks of 7 October 2023. All prior provision of software to Israeli was to civilian agencies. Palantir does not and has not supported predictive policing workflows in Israel — or indeed, anywhere else.

Moreover, we do not conduct surveillance, we do not provide surveillance services, nor do we sell our software for the purposes of enabling unlawful surveillance. Our software enables our customers to interact with data to which they have lawful access, in ways that minimize risks of privacy and civil liberties harms⁴

In further pursuit of identifying the truly egregious misstatements, we note the following:

“In 2023, Palantir introduced its own Artificial Intelligence Platform (AIP) which applies advanced AI models that better support battlefield operations, including target identification, threat prediction and automated battle planning. There are reasonable grounds to believe this is being used in Gaza since October 2023. ... The Israeli military reportedly uses surveillance technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), and other digital tools to help determine who or what to attack in Gaza and when.”

This language gives further currency to the already circulating allegation that Palantir provides scaled, critical target identification and kinetic workflows to the Israeli military. That is to say, you recycle, without any citation, the false claim that Palantir is the (or a) developer of technology tools, known as “Gospel” and “Lavender,” that the Israeli military allegedly uses for targeting processes.

This claim is not true. Palantir did not provide the technology for, nor is it involved with, Gospel or Lavender.

Palantir has been vocal in support of and in solidarity with Israel in response to the attacks on 7 October 2023, particularly in light of the horrific details of abuse and torture of Israeli civilians that day. Palantir’s support of Israel, combined with specious media reporting, however, does not amount to evidence that Palantir violated any national or international law, or critical legal principles and standards. Your allegations are wholly false.

We reserve the right to respond further.

Sincerely,

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Endnotes

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