

Date: 8 May, 2013
To: Friend of the Earth-Middle East
Dr. Nader Al-Khateeb

Dear Sir,

We at the Council of Battir village give our thanks and appreciation to you for all your efforts in supporting the prevention of the building of the Separation Wall.

We, the people of Battir, hope that your organization continues in working and doing everything possible in order to recruit the largest possible number of supporters to maintain the achievements that we have made together, to prevent the implementation of plans that would destroy the region.

The site of Battir is a most important site, culturally and physically, and several institutions have taken care to preserve this heritage in order to preserve the nature of the site; we seek to be included in the World Heritage List (UNESCO). Therefore, it is necessary to keep the cooperation and coordination between us to support our vision and to prevent damage of this area as well as keeping the current situation as it has been for 60 years where villagers practiced their agricultural works in their lands without any obstacles, maintaining the thousands-year-old traditional irrigation system.

The joint work that is planned between the council of Battir and your organization and all supporters is an example for establishing the foundations of peace between the peoples of the region; success in preventing the building of the Wall would be a first step to remove all the obstacles set by the enemies of peace.

Once again we appreciate all your efforts to support our position and we hope to continue our joint cooperation to prevent the threat of the Wall and any other risk that threatens the nature and culture that concerns all humanity.

Finally we will be ready and we have a desire to cooperate in this field with Friends of the Earth-Middle East Organization (FoEME).

Sincerely,
Battir Village Council