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Mr. Mohammad Hamed
Founder and CEO, Mariam Foundation,
Palestine

Dear Mohammad:

This letter is in honour of the opening of new and exciting Mariam Theatre. And it is directed to you, your distinguished guests, members of the Mariam Foundation Board of Directors, Mariam donors, supporters and volunteers, Nazareth, Ramallah and Bethlehem community leaders, and all the friends of the Mariam Foundation.

It is an honor to join you from Canada and extend congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors of CIDO and our Canadian donors, supporters, and volunteers on the opening of the Mariam Theatre.

Today, we are thrilled to join you in celebrating not only a beautiful new facility but also a spectacular vision that began in 2012 in memory of Mariam, your beloved sister. During the last fourteen years, the Mariam Foundation has grown into the largest organization supporting Palestinian cancer patients in Gaza, the West Bank, and Nazareth, bringing hope, dignity, and care to thousands of individuals and families.

This opening of the Mariam Theatre marks another important milestone. It reflects a commitment not only to supporting those facing illness but also to fostering culture, creativity, education, and community. Strong societies are built through healthcare and humanitarian work as well as spaces that inspire learning, dialogue, artistic expression, and hope.

On behalf of CIDO, I extend our deepest appreciation to you, the Foundation's Board of Directors, generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and everyone whose efforts made this achievement possible.

We, at CIDO, are proud of our partnership with the Mariam Foundation and remain committed to working together in service of humanity and in support of Palestine.

As Canadians, we are also proud of Canada's recognition of Palestine last September and of our Prime Minister Mark Carney's leadership and commitment to peace, dignity, and justice.

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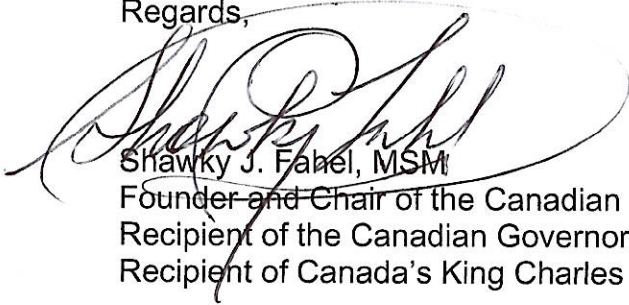
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Congratulations to everyone who gathered to celebrate the opening of the Mariam Theatre. May it remain a beacon of culture, creativity, and hope for generations to come.

Thank you and, again, best wishes on a memorable celebration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawky J. Fabel', is written over a large, faint, light-colored oval shape.

Shawky J. Fabel, MSM

Founder and Chair of the Canadian International Development Organization (CIDO)
Recipient of the Canadian Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal
Recipient of Canada's King Charles III Medal

"When there is no HOPE we must invent HOPE."