SAMPLE LETTER <u>Instructions</u>: Personalize your letter <u>OR</u> simply sign off below, cut, paste and email to the following: <u>vimal.kapur@honeywell.com</u>; <u>giang.shi@honeywell.com</u>; <u>HRDigitalSolutions@Honeywell.com</u>.

Vimal Kapur (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) contact: <u>vimal.kapur@honeywell.com</u> Qiang Shi (Chief Engineer at Honeywell Aerospace) contact: <u>qiang.shi@honeywell.com</u> Honeywell Human Resources contact: <u>HRDigitalSolutions@Honeywell.com</u>

Earth Day 2025 Action: Stop Polluting Our Skies with F35s & Stop Arming Israel's Genocide!

Greetings, Vimal Kapur (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and Qiang Shi (Chief Engineer at Honeywell Aerospace),

Based on the latest news reports the human death toll in Gaza has passed 50,000 (likely much higher), which is a tragedy that weighs heavily on our conscience. Alongside the needless deaths exists a number of other tragedies: over 14,500 children in Gaza have been killed; 110,265 injuries have been reported (1 in 20 people living in Gaza); over 22,500 people are suffering with life-altering injuries; no access to healthcare or rehabilitation due to the degree of destruction; every day 10 children in Gaza lose one or both legs; over 4,500 amputations have been conducted; countless people have been buried under rubble; implementation of mass starvation; systematic deprivation of water and aid; babies in Gaza are dying from hypothermia; 1.9 million people in Gaza have been internally displaced (95% of the population); over 200 journalists have been killed; nearly 10,000 Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank have been imprisoned; nearly 90 per cent of the schools in Gaza have been destroyed and the list goes on.

Research shows that Israel is using **F-35I Adirs fighter jets** and **weapons systems** on Gazans that **Honeywell** helped to produce. Alongside essential high-tech components for Lockheed Martin's F-35 your **Honeywell** builds sensors (Inertial Measurement Units or IMUs), which function as a key component in various guided bombs, missiles, and drones.

Other examples include the design and production of the HG1700 IMU and HG1930 IMU, which play a key role in Boeing's JDAM kits and Boeing's GBU-39 Small Diameter Bombs, respectively. Behind all the complex calculations and designs exist the bodies of innocent men, women, and children. As a case in point, Amnesty International (2025) reported, "An F-35 was used in July 2024 to drop three 2,000lbs bombs in an attack on a so-called "safe zone" on Al-Mawasi in Khan Younis, killing 90 Palestinians." These indiscriminate acts of aggression must stop and one way to stop them is by eliminating the production of the machines, weapons and high-tech components designed to kill.

In late 2024 Amnesty International conducted an extensive investigation and concluded that Israel "is committing **genocide** against Palestinians in Gaza." In addition, Human Rights Watch concluded that "Israeli authorities are responsible for the **crime against humanity of extermination** and for **acts of genocide**." In 2024 Oxfam International's Executive Director, Amitabh Behar, stated, "What we are witnessing is a **systematic attempt to erase an entire population**." Finally, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories stated, "There are 'reasonable grounds' to believe that Israel is committing **genocide** against Palestinians in Gaza."

As a result of these findings, F-35 partner countries such as, US, UK, Norway, the Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Australia, and **Canada** as well as partner companies such as **Honeywell** are by definition **complicit** in the onslaught of Palestinians. At the intersection of environmental degradation and militarization it is important to point out that F-35s don't only kill Palestinians they also **destroy ecosystems** and **pollute the skies**. As reported by Peter Chow (as quoted in Patterson), "At the very least, each F-35 can be expected to annually emit 48.76 tons of Carbon Dioxide" as well as "1.63 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs); 1.62 tons of Carbon Monoxide; 1.30 tons of Nitrous Oxide; 13.26 tons of Sulphur Dioxide; 3.26 tons of large particulates; 3.16 tons of small particulates." Patterson adds, "Each F-35 is supposed to have a service lifetime of 8,000 hours. One could estimate that 88 fighter jets [...] x 8,000 hours x 5,600 litres of fuel an hour amounts to 3,942,400,000 litres of fuel." All in, the F-35 can be best described as a "climate killer" (Leas 2021) as well as a killing machine jacked up with a standard internal weapons load consisting of a 25 mm GAU-22/A cannon, 2x AIM-120C/D air-to-air missiles and 2x GBU-31 JDAM guided bombs (Lockheed Martin n.d.). With this in mind, we request that Honeywell cuts all ties to the F-35 programme and repurposes their high-tech labour. Stop polluting our skies with F35s and stop arming Israel's genocide.

We are requesting that you halt all weapons-related productions immediately and give yourself time to repurpose your labour expertise in the direction of technologies that nurture human life as well as the environment. We strongly recommend that you turn your talented workers away from systems of destruction and start manufacturing MRI machines, robotic surgical systems, proton therapy systems, green buildings, solar panels, and wind turbines. We are hopeful about this process because we know that there is absolutely nothing evitable about what a company like **Honeywell** manufactures and sells. *It is a <u>choice</u> to pollute our skies and fuel genocide*.

Despite all the heartbreak and senseless destruction, we are hopeful that you will engage in the necessary steps to repurpose your production line. This type of decision is perfectly viable and contains a recent history. For instance, during the peak of the pandemic a phenomenon unfolded referred to as the 'pandemic pivot.' As you may recall, companies – big and small – made a conscious decision to repurpose their production lines. For instance, Harbour Technologies shifted from nuclear industry to N95s, Hiram Walker & Sons Distillery shifted from various types of alcohol to sanitizer, automotive companies such as Ford shifted from cars and trucks to air-purifying respirators and H&M shifted from fast-fashion to protective gear for frontline healthcare workers (additional examples include the choices made by Reformation, General Motors, Brown-Forman, Bacardi, Nordstrom, SC Johnson, Brooks Brothers and

Hanesbrands). We are particularly optimistic about **Honeywell**, as research indicates that your company (one U.S. and one German branch) shifted operations in order to manufacture sanitizer during the pandemic. Good Work! **Now, it is time to shift your military-based manufacturing on a large scale. Build on your prior experiences of repurposing and set an example for all the other companies fueling war around the world. We are counting on you!**

Honeywell is a large company that recently stated, "The company expects sales of \$39.6 billion to \$40.6 billion with organic sales growth in the range of 2% to 5%" – all of which amounts to making a portion of your profits off the backs of those experiencing **genocide**. While there are many other Canadian-based companies involved with the F-35 project (e.g., BAE Systems in Halifax, Stelia's in Lunenburg, APEX in Moncton, Heroux-Devtek in Montrael, Gastops in Ottawa, L3Harris in Toronto, Ben Machine Products in Vaughan, Raytheon Elcan in Midland, L3Harris in Hamilton, Aerostructures Centra's in Cambridge, Magellan factory in Winnipeg, Raytheon in Calgary, ASCO weapons factory in Vancouver and Lockheed Martin in Victoria, we maintain that this is an opportunity for you to lead the way and making the right choice: **Stop Honeywell's complicity in the Gazan genocide by repurposing all production branches affiliated with the F-35 and weapons-related systems without delay.**

Thank you for your time on this pressing issue! We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,