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Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister
Prime Minister’s Office
3 Kaplan St. Hakirya
Jerusalem 91950, Israel

Dear Prime Minister Netanyahu,

I write on behalf of the American Physical Society’s Committee on International Freedom of Scientists (APS CIFS) to express our concern about the arrest and detention of the Palestinian physicist, Ima

Article 9 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates that “no one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile,” and article 10 stipulates that those charged with a crime have the right to a public hearing in the determination of his rights while under criminal charge. Thus, we urge the Israeli government to make public all charges and evidence introduced in support of Barghouti’s continued detention, and we urge his immediate release should the evidence be deemed – by a legally constituted court – to be insufficient for his arrest and detention.

APS has long taken a public stand against calls for academic boycotts. But we are equally committed to guaranteeing freedom of movement and expression for all scientists. Every nation must do its part to secure the conditions necessary for such freedom.

Sincerely,

Don A. Howard
CIFS Chair