To H.E. Mr. ______________________

Ambassador of _________________________ to the United Nations

In the name of very many religious Orthodox Jews around the world, we congratulate you on your noble stance, which you and your government courageously took for the benefit of the oppressed Palestinian people, who were deprived of their homeland, houses and fields by the Zionist movement, casting them into lives of tragedy and exile. With pain and sorrow, we sympathize with their plight, and we rejoice to see the first rays of their rising sun.

At this opportunity, we must clearly state the view of very many Jews around the world – Jews not organized in any official way – on the subject of Zionism and its product, the State of Israel. The Zionist philosophy and the Zionist state are forbidden under the Torah. They are the antithesis of the old, true Jewish faith, upheld by the Jewish people throughout history. The Zionists have no right to speak in the name of the Jewish people. Their use of the name “Israel” – the name of the Jewish people – is false.

In ancient times Jews had a kingdom in the Holy Land, but due to our sins the Almighty expelled us from there and scattered us around the world. He strictly forbade us to gather ourselves together and organize ourselves in our own country, until the Almighty brings the day when He will reveal His kingdom and change the minds of all people in the world. In that era there will be no more wars or quarrels. The Almighty Himself will bring about the ultimate redemption, when humanity will serve Him in peace and harmony.

Jews believe in all of this and wait faithfully and patiently for this day to arrive. That is why, when the Zionist spirit arose, all the greatest rabbis came out against it, banned it, and continued to wage an uncompromising battle against the movement.

But in the Second World War, the most important part of the Jewish people perished, including almost all of our greatest rabbis. The survivors were a few poor, pitiful orphans, and the Zionists fooled them into thinking that their salvation would come through Zionism.

A few great rabbis remained and continued to struggle against Zionism. For example, Chief Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Dushinsky, the leader of the independent Orthodox Jewish community of Jerusalem in the 1930s and 1940s, adamantly opposed the idea of creating a Jewish State. He told the United Nations: “We furthermore wish to express our definite opposition to a Jewish state in any part of Palestine.” (Declaration before the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, July 16, 1947)

Over the years, the Jewish people has slowly but surely begun to awaken from the bad dream of Zionism. Very many Jews around the world are opposed to Zionism in general and to their...
crimes in particular. Jews now recognize that Zionism has committed a terrible injustice against the Palestinian people by building its state in the Palestinians' land, robbing them of their homeland with cruelty and murder.

For many centuries, Jews and Palestinians lived together in the Holy Land with peace and respect for one another. The trouble and violence only began when the Zionists came and began to make clear their intent to rule over the land. From then till today, it has been one long chain of hatred, tragedies and bloodshed.

True Jews around the world understand that the Zionists have no right to even one footstep of the Holy Land. Those Jews who lived in the Holy Land prior to the Zionist movement had no political aspirations at all – quite the contrary. Their only goal was to serve the Almighty in the Holy Land while living in peace with all its inhabitants.

We rejoice to see how the liberation of the Palestinian people is drawing nearer, we congratulate them, and we hope to one day live peacefully under a Palestinian government.

Once again, we thank your government for its decision to support justice for the benefit of all, Jews and Arabs, in the Holy Land and elsewhere in the world.

Ultimately, we hope to see the revelation of the Almighty’s kingdom, when all of mankind will serve Him together, soon in our days, amen.

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