



ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

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Dear Representative Nadler,

Allow me to address the concerns raised in your public letter to President Obama.

As I have repeatedly made clear, I never retracted my Bar Ilan speech and I remain committed to a sustainable two-state solution to the conflict with the Palestinians. I do not support a one-state solution that would jeopardize Israel's character as a Jewish and democratic state.

While I continue to support the vision of a demilitarized Palestinian state that recognizes the Jewish state, the current reality in the Middle East is not conducive to its implementation. President Abbas continues to refuse to recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people and has embraced Hamas, a terrorist organization committed to Israel's destruction. At the same time, more and more areas around Israel are being seized by radical Islamist forces, and territory we vacate is also likely to be overtaken by like-minded terrorist organizations. A committed Palestinian peace partner and robust security arrangements are necessary for any solution that involves territorial compromise.

As Prime Minister of Israel, my foremost responsibility is to the security and well-being of the citizens and State of Israel. I look forward to continuing to work with the US Administration and all our friends in Congress to promote a solution that will guarantee Israel's vital interests and help advance peace in the region.

I trust that you will forward my reply to all the signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,

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