

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jerusalem, February 26, 2015

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter of February 17. I look forward to a continuation in our dialogue on this and other issues and share your hope for a further strengthening of the bonds of friendship between our countries.

The continued investigation into the terror attacks against the Embassy of Israel and the AMIA Jewish Community Center is naturally of great importance to us. We attribute great significance to a completion of the investigation and to the bringing of the perpetrators and initiators of these acts to justice.

As you know, Israel has a special relationship with Jewish communities abroad, exemplary of which is its close relationship with the large, active and very significant Jewish community of Argentina. At this juncture, we are particularly concerned for the safety of Jewish communities in the wake of a spate of recent terror attacks against Jews and severe expressions of anti-Semitism in different places around the world.

Iran continues to foment unrest in the Middle East, is proceeding in its plans to acquire weapons of mass destruction and engages in terrorism against Israeli and Jewish targets across the globe. Moreover, it continues to call for Israel's destruction.

I fully share your view as to the necessity of abiding by the stipulations of the Vienna Convention and I can assure you that all of Israel's diplomatic personnel are scrupulous in doing so.

Allow me to reiterate my hope for a continuation in our fruitful bilateral cooperation and dialogue. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you of the upcoming visit of Israel's Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Yair Shamir, who will be representing Israel at the memorial ceremony in commemoration of the victims of the terror attack against Israel's embassy in Buenos Aires. May I suggest and respectfully request that you meet with Minister Shamir during his visit. Such a meeting will afford an opportunity to further discuss the issues mentioned above.

Please accept, dear colleague, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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