

From The Rt Hon Tony Blair

April 2015

Dear

Jerusalem District Court,

I am writing to you with regard to former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in order to provide an insight as to how he was perceived by his counterparts in Europe.

During his time as Prime Minister, Ehud brought about an immensely positive attitude from European countries towards Israel's attempts to create peace. Ehud was a leader with a vision both of Israel's security and of the need for a wider peace in the Middle East. He was tough in ensuring that Israel was protected; and resolute in his belief that peace was an indispensable part of such protection. Ehud was a trusted leader that tried to solve problems, finding solutions in order to create a better reality and more opportunities. He was always willing to go above and beyond his duties, prepared to take risks, in order to achieve a better situation for Israel.

Ehud worked closely with other countries and leaders to help them build a greater understanding of Israel, encouraging them to offer their support. He developed a unique chain of relations, both personally and professionally, with these leaders.

I have witnessed first-hand the excellent working relationship forged with Ehud. The personal relations between me and Ehud were beyond that between heads of Governments, and were based on friendship and trust with a clear understanding of the needs and sensitivities of the other side. I found in my dealings with Ehud that he was a man of his word who could be trusted to keep to what he promised.

Ehud's continuous efforts to bring peace with Israel's neighbours should be admired. He tirelessly worked to improve Israel's position in the world. He understood clearly the needs of the Palestinians, and understood the importance of finding a way to live with them rather than govern them.

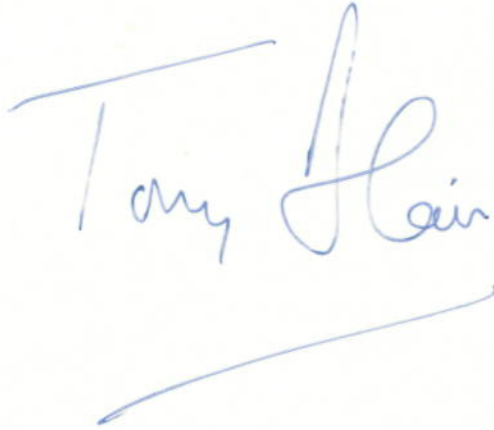
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I hope this is of assistance to the court.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Blair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.