

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Prof. Dr. Andor Grosz Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungray Budapest, Hungary

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Excellency,

I thank you for the heartwarming letter of congratulations upon my nomination as Foreign Minister of the State of Israel.

I enter this position as my country is fighting a horrible war on multipool fronts and while 101 of our brothers and sisters are still held hostage in Gaza for more than 400 days. Only by defeating extremism will we be able to stabilize our region and create a better future.

We are also fighting a legal front. A few days ago the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants against the Prime Minister and Defense Minister of the only democratic state in the Middle East. In this regard, Prime Minister Orban's rejection of this outrageous decision is a clear indication of Hungary's support of Israel and the close friendship between our countries.

As we discussed during our meeting in February, the Jewish diaspora is very close to my heart and working to strengthen the ties between Israel and the diaspora, fighting Antisemitism and threats to Jewish life will be a key element in the work of the Foreign Ministry under my leadership.

Sincerely,

Gideon Salar Minister of foreign Affairs State of Israel