

יושב-ואש הכנסת Speaker of the Knesset

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The Honorable Radek Vondráček Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies Prague Czech Republic

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to write you to express my deep gratitude and appreciation for the firm and uncompromising stance that the Chamber of Deputies, under your leadership, has taken in support of Israel, as expressed in the resolution of 17 June supporting the strategic partnership between our countries.

At a time when Israel is facing orchestrated, disproportionate, and even biased pressure from the international community, it is encouraging to see the parliament you lead maintain a clearheaded and honest posture that recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure and defensible borders.

I fully agree with the belief expressed in the resolution that President Trump's initiative provides a historic opportunity to advance the peace process. I very much hope that sections of this plan can be realized in the near future by extending Israeli sovereignty to parts of Judea and Samaria. Such a step would give tangible expression to the unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and the Land of Israel, which is a vital part of ensuring a peaceful future for the Middle East.

On a personal note, I am extremely gratified and encouraged by the strengthening of the ties between Israel and the Czech Republic in recent years, and I am confident that our inter-parliamentary cooperation—which constitutes a significant element of these relations—will continue to thrive. In that vein, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Czech Republic—State of Israel Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Mr. Miloslav Janulik, for all his efforts to strengthen our inter-parliamentary ties and, in particular, to secure approval of the aforementioned resolution.

In closing, dear Colleague, while looking forward to building further on the excellent ties between our parliaments, I extend my best wishes for continued good health to you, your family, and all the Members of the Chamber of Deputies.

Sincerely,

MK Yariv Levin

Speaker of the Knesset