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Ramat Gan, 7 may 2000

Dear Mr Blocks,

Platform Israel, the umbrella organization of the Dutch Jews organization in Israel wishes to react on behalf of the Dutch Jewish community in Israel to the negotiations conducted between your Association and the Dutch Jewish community in the Netherlands.

1) A representative of Platform Israel attended the negotiations one time only.

In addition thereto Mr. Roet, the chairman of Platform Israel has had on two separate occasions personal talks with you. Mr. Roet communicated to you his conviction that the negotiations were being conducted in a way which can and will not be supported by the Jewish Dutch community in Israel

2) You were of the opinion that you only negotiate with the Dutch Jewish community in Holland and that no negotiations with representatives of Dutch Jewish communities in Israel or elsewhere could be contemplated

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3) One of the important items that according to the Platform Israel must be subject of the negotiations are the damages suffered by the Jewish community in the Netherlands during the legal redress period (rechtsherstel) after world war II. We are referring to the stock exchange strike and other efforts of the Dutch financial community, all aimed at frustrating a judgment of the Dutch courts. This judgment would have enabled the Jewish community to obtain 100% redress for the loss of securities during the war.

4) Platform Israel retains the right to bring this and other subjects into the negotiations that are currently being conducted with the AEX- the Amsterdam stock exchange.

Platform Israel holds a number of your prominent members, e.g. ABN-AMRO Bank, ING Bank and Bank Fortis, directly responsible for damages suffered by the Dutch Jewish community as referred to above. It regards the fifty million guilders offered during the negotiations with the CJO as wholly inadequate.

Yours sincerely,

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A. Roet, President

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P. Staal, Vice President

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