

Woerden, October 9 2023

To the ambassador of the State of Israel in the Netherlands His excellency mr Modi Ephraim, Johan de Wittlaan 5, 2517 JR 's-Gravenhage

Dear mr Ephraim,

It is on behalf of our Board that we want to express our deepest solidarity to the people of Israel at this moment of terrible circumstances. We are shocked by the unprecedented terrorist attacks from Gaza and we grieve with you over the many victims: citizens and soldiers.

As we stand with you in these hard times, we pray to our almighty God to protect Israel, its citizens and soldiers and our many friends in the country. May the Lord bring an end to the violence and restore peace in the land.

We wish you all strength and courage and wish you the guidance and protection of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with Psalm 121: 7 and 8: "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore". Above all we wish you the reign of the Prince of Peace of Whom Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 9: 1-7.

On behalf of the Board for Israel of the Netherlands Reformed Congregations,

Rev A. Schot, chairman

Rev M.H. Schot, secretary