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The Honorable Dorit Beinisch  
President, Supreme Court of Israel.  
Sha'are Mishpat street  
Kiryat Ben-Gurion  
Jerusalem, Israel.

You're Honor,

I am writing to you today as a lover and defender of the State of Israel and as a Jewish man who is deeply committed to bring a closer relationship between the State of Israel, the Jewish people and the 2.3 billion Christians world wide. Through my work as the President of the non-sectarian "Pave the Way Foundation" and personally, as a "Jewish member of the Papal household", being knighted by both Pope John Paul II, by Pope Benedict XVI, and being invested into the Anglican Order of St. John, we have been able to initiate wonderful projects in Israel. These include the loan of the manuscripts of Maimonides to the Israel Museum from the Vatican library, a welfare mom baby formula project, arranging the historic Jewish audience with the Late Pope John Paul II to simply thank him for all he had done in religious reconciliation. We have also arranged special meetings between the Catholic leaders and Israeli citizens and government officials to improve relations and many projects designed to increase Christian tourism to Israel.

I am writing to you personally about the case before you of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch's attempt to be heard by the high court of Israel, to move the government to affirm his election as the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem. Sadly, I must report to you that there are serious allegations being made, which discredit the judicial system in Israel and which undermine Israeli credibility in guaranteeing religious freedom and rights for all under Israeli rule.

As of the last (and fifth) extension recently granted to the government, I must report to you that the Patriarchate itself has received a telephone call saying "you see we got another extension and I tell you



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that in 60 days we will get another extension.” This remark only lends credibility to the allegations being made and supports the belief that it’s coming from the same groups, with interests that are against His Beatitude Theofilos III. Obviously, this impugns the integrity of the court and simply says that justice cannot be expected for the Greek Orthodox Church in the State of Israel.

As a result of this last extension granted, we have also learned that many outside influences, mainly in highly influential international Christian organizations, have stated their offer to intervene and to seek a legal remedy in the International court of The Hague. This, I believe, will have devastating impact on the credibility of Israel as a just and democratic nation in which all of the religions are protected under Israeli rule of law.

The very notion that there exists a necessity for the Israeli court to decide the simple affirmation of a duly elected head of his Church has much more far reaching implications. H.B. Theofilos III was legally elected by the Greek Orthodox synod, he has received affirmation by all of the international religious communities and their heads of churches as well many countries and states including the United States, Canada, Britain, Greece, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, along with many international Jewish organizations. In addition we must be concerned with, and have a responsibility for, the physical well being of Jews who live in Eastern Orthodox countries, who may suffer from the backlash of these embarrassing news reports about the government. Even more significantly, the historic and bitter memory of “Rav meta’am” (“**רב מטעם**”), which so deeply offends Jewish sensibility, has been shown to be of no consequence while the government of Israel itself is now symbolically choosing who they consider to be the head of the Greek Orthodox Church. The government’s meddling in internal Greek Orthodox affairs is further exacerbated by its providing police protection for the former Patriarch in the residence at the Patriarchate and escorting him, with armed escorts, to attend Greek religious events, while physically barring the legitimately elected Patriarch, Theofilos III from these religious ceremonies

In closing I would like to state that my only interest in this case is helping to protect the worldwide image of Israel, the safety of Jews and to eliminate some of these artificial and avoidable obstacles



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between the religions, which only serve to give aid and comfort to our enemies and those who wish us harm. It is for that reason that I am asking you to please consider my plea for a speedy resolution of this case and to be aware of the outside entities of influence, which have shown an appearance of making a mockery of the rule of law in the State of Israel.. As I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

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H.E. Prime Minister Ehud Olmert

H.E. Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres

His Excellency Minister of the Interior Mr Roni Bar-On

Her Excellency Foreign Minister Ms Tzipi Livni, MK

H.E Daniel Friedman Minister of Justice