

13th April, 2015.

H.E.Mrs. Federica Mogherini
High Representative of the European Union
for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
and Vice-President of the European Commission
Brussels

Dear High Representative and Vice-President of the Commission,

We welcome the renewed engagement of the EU in the Middle East Peace Process since your appointment and in particular the personal commitment that you are demonstrating.

We would like to draw your attention to the letter dated 13th April 2013 sent to your predecessor on EU wide guidelines on the labelling of settlement produce/products. Following the public commitment made by the Council in May and December 2012 and more recently in November 2014, we remain of the view that this is an important step in the full implementation of EU longstanding policy, in relation to the preservation of the two-state solution. The continued expansion of Israeli illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and other territories occupied by Israel since 1967, threatens the prospect of a just and final peace agreement. Moreover, the correct and coherent implementation of EU consumer protection and EU labeling legislation is necessary to ensure that consumers are not being misled by false information. European consumers must indeed have confidence in knowing the origin of goods they are purchasing. Green Line Israel and Palestinian producers will benefit from this.

We would welcome you taking the lead in the Commission, in order to complete this important work on labelling of settlement produce/products. We remain of course ready to assist you in doing so.

Yours sincerely,




Sebastian KURZ
Federal Minister for Europe, Integration
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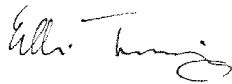
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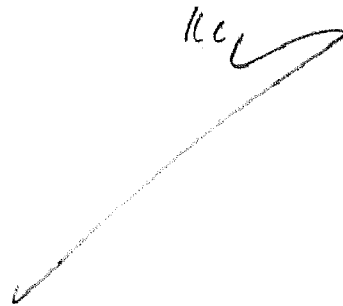
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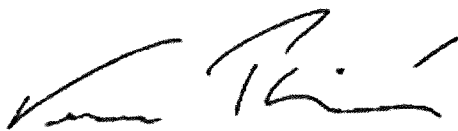
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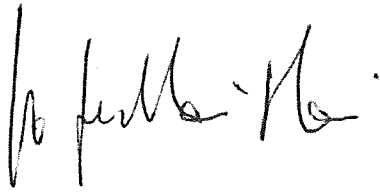
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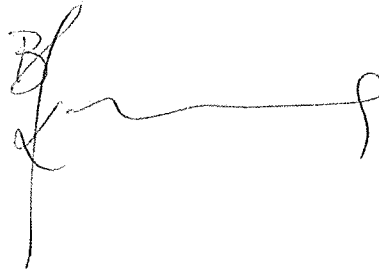
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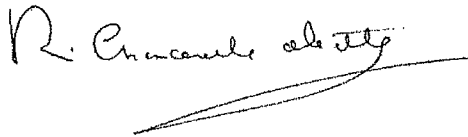
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