



THE PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, 15th February, 2010

Mr. Steve Schwager, Co-Chair
Mr. Brian Lurie, Co-Chair
Ms. Jessica Balaban, Executive Director
Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues

Dear Mr. Schwager, Mr. Lurie and Ms. Balaban,

It is with much appreciation that I received your letter relating to the tour to Nazareth which had the intention of bringing together Israel's captains of industry with representatives of the industrial sector of the Arab community.

This initiative underscored the importance of harnessing the skill, energy and enormous potential of the Arab sector as considerable leverage in propelling Israel's economy forward. It is clear that the integration of the Arab communities will make a significant contribution not only to the economy, but to Israel's society at large. Hence, hopefully, the contacts made in the course of this meeting will take root and produce the intended fruits.

Wishing you success in your endeavors and with best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Shimon Peres