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יושב - ראש הכנסת Speaker of the Knesset

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To: Van Oordt family

From: The Speaker of the Knesset, Yuli-Yoel Edelstein

Re: A letter of condolences of the demise of Mr. Karel Van Oordt

On behalf of the Knesset and the People of Israel, I would like to offer my condolences to the family of 'Christians for Israel' on the passing of Mr. Karel van Oordt, founder and father of 'Christians for Israel'.

Mr. Van Oordt was a staunch supporter and a true friend of the State of Israel and of the Jewish people and loved both very much throughout his entire life. He inspired the work of 'Christians for Israel' until his last day.

Together with the organization he founded, he has helped Israel and the Jewish people in numerous ways – helping Aliyah – the homecoming of the Jewish people, caring for the needy, supporting educational projects and promoting Israeli produce, to list but a few. Their most recent unique project was the reconstruction of the Montefiore Windmill, one of the outstanding heritage sites of Jerusalem.

Unfortunately, Israel is still facing many threats such as the nuclear threat by Iran, threats by terrorist organizations, as well as manifestations of anti-Semitism, de-legitimization and boycotts.

We appreciate and cherish from the bottom of our hearts the blessed activities of our friends around the world and find encouragement in their friendship and activities supporting our cause. Such was the activity of the late Mr. Van Oordt and the wonderful organization he founded.

I am proud to note that Mr. Van Oordt was given a prestigious award by the World Jewish Congress and the Christian Allies Caucus in the Knesset for his vision and for the remarkable way in which he implemented his beliefs.

As the Speaker of the Knesset, I would like once again to offer my deep condolences to his family, to his many friends, to his followers and to his organization. We share with you the feeling of loss. May his soul rest in peace.

May his memory be a blessing.

Yuli-Yoel Edelstein Speaker of the Knesset