

(Translation from Hebrew)
Minister of Internal Affairs

Minas Nisan
08 April 2007

In Honor
Of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem
Irineos I

My Honorable,

I wish to thank you for your contribution in the success of the ceremony of the Holy Light in Jerusalem in 07/04/2007.

Your promptness, to respect the request of the police in order to deter any conflict in the ceremony, contributed a lot in the safeguarding of public order and the safety of the population at the duration of this important Religious Ceremony.

As the President of the Ministerial Committee for the issue of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, I will stress, that the government of Israel continues to officially recognize you as the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, and the decisions that were taken with regard to this ceremony of the Holy Light, do not constitute an offence of this recognition.

Best wishes,

Roni Barron

Mr. Emoud Olmert, Prime Minister
Ms. Tzipi Livni, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Daniel Friedman, Minister of Justice
Mr. Avi Dichter, Minister of Internal Security