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H.E Ambassador Jaakko Laajava
Under-Secretary of State
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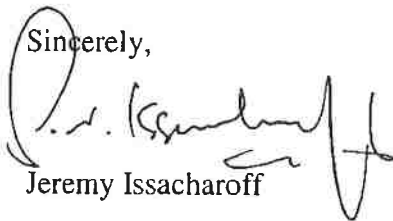
During the last eight months we held numerous discussions, including recently in Vienna, regarding your proposal to conduct informal multilateral consultations in Geneva. I would like to reiterate Israel's positive approach towards the Geneva consultations, as was conveyed to you in February 2013 and on other occasions since then.

As you know, Israel has demonstrated a positive commitment to participate in such consultations directly with our Arab neighbors based on the principle of consensus.

We agree with you that the purpose and agenda of such consultations is to build an agreement between the regional partners on a conference to be held in Helsinki, its agenda and modalities of organization, including the timing, structure and working methods of the conference as well as its rules of procedure. Any agreements in the consultations will be reached through consensus.

Israel's believes that the consultations could provide an opportunity for a productive and constructive exchange of views on all relevant issues. Furthermore, successful multilateral consultations could send a strong signal that the regional partners are capable of working together towards the shared vision of a more secure and peaceful Middle East, free from conflict, wars and weapons of mass destruction.

Sincerely,



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