



FOREIGN MINISTER OF ISRAEL
SHIMON PERES'
UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL SPEECH
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GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I
WOULD LIKE TO WARMLY WELCOME ALL
HONORED GUESTS TO ISRAEL, AND EXTEND MY
COMPLIMENTS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS COME
TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL KEREN HAYESOD –
UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL WORLD CONFERENCE.
IT IS WITH MY DEEPEST REGRETS THAT I AM
UNABLE TO JOIN YOU AT THIS VERY IMPORTANT

EVENT. DUE TO UNFORESEEN AND URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, MY ATTENTION MUST BE DIRECTED ELSE WHERE AT THIS MOMENT.

AS ALIYAH AND ABSORPTION ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF KEREN HAYESOD'S ATTENTION, SO DOES THE PEACE PROCESS TENACIOUSLY DOMINATE OUR COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT. EVEN WHEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S CURRENT SITUATION WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IS IN A CONSTANT STATE OF FLUX, OUR COMMITMENT TO SECURITY IS UNWAVERING. OUR LEADERS, TO WHOM OUR CITIZENS HAVE ENTRUSTED THEIR LIVES AND WELL-BEING, OCCUPY THEMSELVES WITH THE UTMOST ATTENTION TO

EVERY DETAIL AND EVENT.

WE HAVE PLEDGED TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT
SITUATION WITH ALL THAT IS IN OUR POWER.

NOTWITHSTANDING THIS DIFFICULT AND
MOMENTOUS TASK THAT LOOMS BEFORE US, WE
REMAIN OPTIMISTIC AND HOPEFUL FOR THE
FUTURE OF OUR LAND, EVER MINDFUL OF THE
VISION IT REPRESENTS TO ALL JEWS AROUND
THE WORLD.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEVER-
ENDING PHILANTHROPIC WORK OF KEREN
HAYESOD AND THE CRITICAL DEDICATION OF
ITS LEADERS IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

WORLDWIDE. THIS SOLEMN OATH HAS
UNDERScoreD THE SOLIDARITY OF OUR
NATION AND OUR PEOPLE IN THIS LAST
CENTURY AND WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD IT
THROUGH THE NEXT.

AND NOW IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO
CONGRATULATE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE
KEREN HAYESOD AWARDS. IT IS WITH MY
PERSONAL APPRECIATION THAT I WOULD LIKE
TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR EXEMPLARY
SERVICE AND DEVOTION. MAY YOU CONTINUE
TO INSPIRE AND LEAD THE WAY FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS. THANK YOU ALL.