

**Dear Conservative Friends of Israel,**

I would first like to thank you all for your steadfast support for the Conservative Party. CFI members are some of our most valued, passionate and committed supporters. I have no doubt that the strength of the Conservative Party's support for the State of Israel stems in large part from the important role that you all play.

I particularly want to recognise the enormous efforts you put in during the 2019 election. CFI activists hit the pavements in dozens of constituencies up and down the country. Rest assured that our historic election victory in 2019, and the achievements this Government has registered since then, would have been made much more difficult without your efforts.

Therefore, I pledge to renew my commitment to CFI and the UK's Jewish community through the following commitments to British Jews and the State of Israel; not just because of CFI's support, but because it is the right thing to do.

**I will continue to be a staunch advocate for Israel at home**

Starting at home, I will ensure that we deliver on our proposed Bill to end local councils bringing in Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) policies that target Israel. Public bodies should not be engaging in such discriminatory policies which go against the stance of this Government and sow needless division. I will ensure that this is put to a stop.

It also remains important to me that the public is educated on the dangers of antisemitism and the role it plays in driving anti-Zionism and anti-Israel sentiment. A crucial part of this is the continued education on the horrors of the Holocaust, which I hope will be reflected in a fitting memorial to the memories of the millions of victims.

**I will stand up for Israel internationally**

My history of advocating for Israel on the world stage is clear. As Foreign Secretary it was a great honour to renew the UK's commitment to Israel through a new UK-Israel Strategic Partnership alongside my counterpart Yair Lapid. The safety and security of Israel is of the utmost importance and I remain committed to standing up to Iranian hostility and their pursuit of nuclear weapons. I have been clear that progress on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is not moving fast enough and I assure you that if the JCPOA collapses, all options are on the table.

Under my leadership the UK has stood up for Israel when it faces biases and unreasonable criticism. At the UN we have voted against resolutions under, and pressed for, the abolition of Item 7 - the standalone item focused on Israel at the Human Rights Council.

I have also strengthened the UK's supportive role in the UN. During my time as Foreign Secretary, I have ensured our diplomats voted against the resolution for a "Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices", which I considered institutionally biased and a waste of money. Therefore, also I support Prime Minister Lapid's recent intervention on the UN's commission of inquiry; antisemitism has no place on the world stage and UN representatives with history of antisemitic remarks should have no role in reviewing the activities of Israel.

I have every faith that Prime Minister Lapid's commitment to the UK will be just as strong as it was with Prime Ministers Bennett and Netanyahu.

### **I will strengthen our relationship for the future**

I look forward to deepening our connection through a Free Trade Agreement which cements our relationship with Israel. As a world leader in science and technology, defence and cyber, and with a highly skilled population, the UK would benefit greatly from closer trade with Israel.

I understand the importance and sensitivity of the location of the British Embassy in Israel. I've had many conversations with my good friend Prime Minister Lapid on this topic. Acknowledging that, I will review a move to ensure we are operating on the strongest footing within Israel.

Our shared values are strong and need defending. The UK should stand side by side with Israel, now and well into the future. As Prime Minister, I would be at the forefront of this mission.

Shabbat Shalom and thank you.



**Yours,  
Rt Hon Liz Truss MP**

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