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Dear Michael,

The Israeli Labour Party welcomes the establishment of Australia Israel Labor Dialogue. The Israeli Labour Party strongly supports the strengthening of ties and promotion of dialogue between our Party and the Australian Labor Party.

Many of our Party leaders have enjoyed a warm relationship and our two parties share common values.

It is with great fondness that we recall the support of the Chifley Labor Government who voted in support of admitting Israel as a member of the United Nations in 1949. We also recall the work of Dr H V Evatt who whilst Australia's Attorney General and Minister for External Affairs in the Chifley Labor Government, was President of the United Nations General Assembly in 1948-1949.

I welcome the opportunity to assist you in furthering the objects of the Australia Israel Labor Dialogue, and look forward to sharing our experiences and ideas in meetings both in Israel and Australia.

Warmest regards from Jerusalem,

Hilik Bar

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