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My apology to Mr. Staal

I deeply regret and apologize sincerely, firmly and irrevocably that I have written, published and distributed to 10 people and 3 newspapers, my letter of the 11th of May, 2001, which bore the title "Het Uittreden". In it I referred to Mr. Staal in a humiliating, offensive and scornful way.

I hereby state firmly and irrevocably the following:

- a) The content of my publication "Het Uittreden" is false and holds no truth.
- b) The purpose of the above mentioned letter was to counter-weigh against the retirement notice of the Ayalah organization from Platform Israel.
- c) The allegations against Mr. Staal in the above mentioned letter in that he preferred personal preferences over his public and general duties as treasurer of the S.M.O., are false and hold no truth.
- d) I regret and sincerely apologize that the afore-mentioned letter showed Mr. Staal in a humiliating, offensive and scornful light and which could offend him in his position, his good name and reputation. Mr. Staal achieved those with great effort, especially during the years in which he acted and is still acting voluntarily and without remuneration, in cooperation with the Platform Israel organization and others while negotiating with the Dutch government and the private financial sector in the Netherlands. The motive for doing this he derived out of the urge to reimburse funds to the Holocaust victims, which were looted, confiscated and robbed from them during the German occupation.

I hereby apologize once again, sincerely, firmly and irrevocably to Mr. Staal for ever having written and distributed the article.

Very truly yours,

Abraham E. Behr