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Jew Content,

RE: ISRAEL - WEST BANK ANNEXATION – EDM 464.

Thank you for contacting me recently about Israel, with specific reference to Early Day Motion (EDM) 464; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

Notwithstanding the fact that as a Government Minister I am unable to sign EDMs, in any event, I have general concerns about the effectiveness and expense of the EDM system, and I think it is much more effective to raise concerns directly with Ministers, both verbally, and in writing, rather than signing EDMs.

Ultimately, I believe there should be a negotiated settlement leading to a safe and secure Israel, living alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state, based on 1967 borders, with agreed land swaps, Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states, and a fair and realistic settlement for refugees. Indeed, the UK Government consistently calls for an immediate end to all actions that undermine the viability of the two-state solution.

The UK's position has not changed, including towards the West Bank and the 1967 borders. I am glad that the UK repeatedly reaffirms this commitment, including most recently at the UN Security Council, and will continue to do so.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

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