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Ministry for Foreign Affairs
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H.E. Amichai Chikli
Minister of Diaspora Affairs and
Combating Antisemitism

Excellency,

Thank you for your letter dated 9 July to Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson.

First, let me assure you that the Swedish Government strongly rejects all antisemitic acts. Sweden is committed to combat antisemitism, as shown recently during our Presidency of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). We were proud to host the International Malmö Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combating Antisemitism in October 2021. Throughout these efforts we have worked in close partnership with Israel.

In Sweden, there is a constitutional right to freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and freedom to demonstrate. Decisions to allow for demonstrations are taken independently by the Policy Authority.

The Swedish Government deeply regrets when extremists and provocateurs try to sow division in our society, even when they are exercising constitutionally protected acts. The Government fully understands that people of various faiths are deeply offended by burning of Holy Books.

I look forward to deepening our dialogue with Israel, including on the fight against antisemitism and all other forms of intolerance.

Yours faithfully,

Tobias Billström