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From The Minister of State

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Mr Danny Ayalon
Deputy Foreign Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Jerusalem
Israel

Dear Minister Ayalon

I would welcome an early opportunity for us to continue the important and valuable dialogue that we have established to date. There is much to discuss and I would be delighted to host you in London for a substantive bilateral meeting on Tuesday 9 February.

Following the meeting I would like to invite you to jointly host an event at the Foreign Office to recognise the success of the Britain-Israel Research Academic Exchange Partnership. As you know, the scheme is an important initiative in forging academic ties between our two countries. The scheme sends a clear message of Government support for strengthened links and of opposition to boycotts. Our joint participation in the evening would help to cement these important messages. Several Israeli scholars currently studying in the UK will also attend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ivan Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'I'.

IVAN LEWIS