



THE PRESIDENT

Jerusalem, January 28, 2013

Your Excellency,

I was shocked and deeply saddened by the terrible tragedy that struck Brazil, and in my name and on behalf of the people of Israel, I want to extend my most profound condolences to the family of the victims and the people of Brazil at large, and wish the wounded a speedy and full recovery.

This indescribable tragedy in Santa Maria has claimed the lives of many victims, most of them young with their lives ahead of them. Our hearts go out to you all in this time of mourning as we bow our heads and pray together with you, sharing in your loss.

With my expression of heartfelt sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Shimon Peres". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shimon Peres

Her Excellency
Ms. Dilma Rousseff
President of the Federal Republic of Brazil