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The Embassy of the Republic of Poland presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel and has the honour to request the Ministry to forward the following message from Prime Minister Donald Tusk to Prime Minister of the State of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu:

" Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I was deeply grieved to learn about the passing away of Ariel Sharon, the former Prime Minister of the State of Israel and the statesman who made such a great contribution to the building of the Jewish state, ensuring its survival and providing security for its citizens in the Middle East. In addition to his constant readiness to sacrifice and struggle to defend the country Ariel Sharon recognized a strategic value of a peaceful coexistence with his Arab neighbors and the need to create conditions for the implementation of the idea of two states for two peoples.

We remember that Ariel Sharon was the first among the Israeli ministers to visit Poland already in 1988, two years before the official diplomatic relations between our two countries have been restored. He always advocated for building a special and privileged Polish - Israeli relationship and saw the common history of our two nations and the cooperation to commemorate the tragic events of the Second World War as an integral part of these relations.

On behalf of my Government, the entire Polish nation and my own, I would like to extend to you my most sincere condolences and sympathy in this hour of sorrow and loss for the Jewish nation. Our thoughts, memories and prayers are with the citizens of the State of Israel and the family of Ariel Sharon.

Yours Sincerely, Donald Tusk"

The Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Tel Aviv, January 11, 2014

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