



**THE PRESIDENT**

Jerusalem, July 7, 2013

Your Excellency,

It is with distinct pleasure and satisfaction that I extend my sincere congratulations, in my name and on behalf of the people of Israel, to you and the people of Croatia on acceding to the European Union and becoming its 28<sup>th</sup> member state.

This milestone event in Croatia's history is cause for celebration indeed, and in the confidence that Croatia and its future generations will enjoy a tomorrow of growth, peace and prosperity, I wish your country and its people all the very best always.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shimon Peres". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shimon" and the last name "Peres" clearly distinguishable.

Shimon Peres

His Excellency  
Mr. Ivo Josipovic  
President of the Republic of Croatia