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His Excellency Mr. Horacio Cartes  
President of the Republic of Paraguay  
El Palacio de López  
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PARAGUAY

Your Excellency:

On behalf of B'nai B'rith International – the world's oldest Jewish humanitarian, advocacy and social action organization, with a grassroots presence around the world – we would like to express our deep appreciation for your decision to move the Embassy of Paraguay to Jerusalem, Israel's capital.

Jerusalem, a city of eternal historical and religious connection to the Jewish people, has always been Israel's capital. Placing an embassy in a state's capital city should, under normal circumstances, be an uncontroversial recognition of reality. When it comes to Israel, however, there are many in the international community who prefer that normal conventions of international diplomacy be ignored.

We strongly commend you for standing up to this pressure not to re-locate embassies to Jerusalem. Your decision was just and correct and will strengthen the cause of peace. The Jewish people throughout the world will always remember the friendly states that were the first countries to move their embassies from the Tel Aviv area to Jerusalem.

We believe that, in the long-run, many countries will join you in opening their embassies in Jerusalem. The leadership of the countries that are taking the first steps now will pave the path for others to follow you to Jerusalem.

We are truly grateful for your many years of close friendship with the State of Israel and the United States. For this decision to be one of your final acts in office as President of the Republic of Paraguay is very meaningful.

Sincerely,

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