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Response to New Israeli law banning boycott advocates – March 2017

Thank you for contacting me about the recent Israeli law concerning people who have publicly called for a boycott of Israel and/or settlements.

It is my understanding that on 6 March 2017, the Israeli Parliament passed a law giving authority to deny entry to Israel to foreign nationals who have publicly called for a boycott of Israel and/or settlements, or who belong to an organisation which has called for a boycott. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has updated its travel advice on Israel accordingly.

It is the case, of course, that Israel, like every other country, is ultimately responsible for determining its own rules on immigration and on visits.

I understand that the Government is seeking urgent clarification from the Israeli authorities as to what the application of this new policy might be and I will be following closely how this law will be applied, and what diplomatic pressure can be exerted to ensure that this does not unduly affect British citizens.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Whittaker'.

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