



April 25, 2017

The Honorable Sigmar Gabriel
Foreign Minister of Germany
The Embassy of Germany
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Israel

RE: Your meeting with Israeli propaganda organizations, Breaking the Silence and B'Tselem

Dear Foreign Minister,

I welcome your visit to the State of Israel during this time when we mourn the six million Jews who were murdered in World War II by Nazi Germany and its accomplices.

I read your response to Prime Minister Netanyahu's statement concerning your meeting with the anti-Israel NGOs Breaking the Silence and B'Tselem, and I wish to tell you on behalf of Im Tirtzu, the largest Zionist movement in Israel, that we view your statement as inherently flawed, hypocritical and insulting.

The only organizations in Israel that the German government funds are political propaganda organizations that promote defamatory criticism against Israel including false accusations of war crimes, ethnic cleansing and additional crimes against humanity. Among the propaganda organizations that your government funds, there is not one that acts to advance constructive criticism in order to improve the country. Rather, they are dedicated to delegitimizing and slandering Israel and are perceived by the Israeli public as radical, anti-establishment organizations.

Would you be willing to accept Israeli funding of German propaganda organizations that accuse the German army of perpetrating crimes against humanity in Afghanistan?

Would you be so tolerant if German propaganda organizations would receive funds from foreign governments in order to accuse the chancellor of violating the human rights of millions of Syrian refugees, after you paid money to Turkey to prevent them from entering Germany?

Would it be acceptable to you if the Israeli government would fund German propaganda organizations whose goal is convince the German public to vote in favor of leaving the European Union?



You have no interest in meeting with constructive Israeli organizations, but with organizations that act as foreign agents in all respects with the aim to advance the political agenda of Germany – despite the fact that it was rejected by the Israeli voter in democratic elections.

This is subversion, and nothing less. It is a breach of fundamental agreements between two friendly democratic countries that have no business interfering in the internal affairs of one another.

Your insistence on meeting with these anti-Israel NGOs is unwarranted, and represents the actions of a persona non grata.

Sincerely,

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