

Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

TEL AVIV, March 19, 1979

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Dear Yael,

I enclose for your information a copy of a Note which was sent to the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa last Friday concerning the Canadian Government's acceptance to undertake the protection of the interests of the State of Israel in Iran.

We have been asked to draw the contents of the Note to the attention of your Ministry and to expedite despatch of detailed Israeli proposals on the scope of the functions to be performed by Canada in Tehran to which the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa could then react. We are informed that the authorities in Ottawa are concerned that undue delay in clarifying the situation may result in the present ad hoc procedures becoming increasingly permanent without the benefit of detailed examination. I would like to suggest that once your Ministry has had time to consider this request that perhaps you and Alec Chistoff could meet to further this matter.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
Edward G. Lee,  
Ambassador.

Mrs. Yael Vered,  
Director,  
Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean Division,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
JERUSALEM.

COPY OF NOTE DELIVERED ON MARCH 16, 1979 TO THE EMBASSY  
OF ISRAEL IN OTTAWA

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The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Israel and has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Government of Canada accepts to undertake the protection of the interests of the State of Israel in Iran.

The Department wishes to inform the Embassy that, in principle the extent of the responsibilities the Government of Canada will assume on behalf of the State of Israel in Iran will be determined in the light of the circumstances prevailing in Iran and the availability of Canadian resources. It is proposed that detailed arrangements on the scope of the functions to be performed by the Canadian Embassy in Teran on behalf of the State of Israel be concluded between the two governments.

The Canadian Government would be pleased to receive proposals in this regard which will be examined in the light of the considerations indicated above and international practice on the matter.

The Department of External Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Israel the assurances of its highest consideration.