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Ambassador David Killion  
Permanent Delegation of the  
United States to UNESCO  
Paris, France  
By electronic mail

Dear Ambassador Killion,

I write to you on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America – the nation's largest Orthodox Jewish umbrella organization – to express our appreciation for your vote and statement against five anti-Israel resolutions recently adopted by UNESCO. These resolutions seek to revise historical facts and erase the historic and religious connections of the Jewish People to some of our holiest sites.

Efforts by the State of Israel and her supporters to find a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Arab conflict cannot progress, let alone succeed, if they are premised upon denying the Jewish connection to the Holy Land. It is ironic, to say the least, that UNESCO saw fit to undertake this offensive action during the very period in which Jews in synagogues around the globe are reading the chapters of Genesis which tell of our ancestors' lives and the history they lived in Hebron and Bethlehem.

We deeply appreciate that, through your actions, the United States has stood up for justice and truth in the halls of the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Nathan J. Diament

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