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The Indian Association of New Zealand

Dear friends:

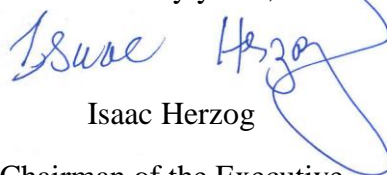
On behalf of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish People around the world, I would like to express our deep and profound gratitude to the Indian Community of New Zealand for the critical role Indian forces played in World War One as a part of the greater allied war effort, particularly in the decisive victory in the Battle of Haifa on September 23, 1918.

Even today, one hundred years after this monumental assault which brought an end to the Ottoman Empire's four century rule over Haifa and Palestine and played a critical role in shifting the balance of power in the Middle East at the conclusion of the Great War, I am still overcome by emotion upon reading of the heroism exhibited on the battlefield. The bravery and determination demonstrated by the units of the Indian army, including the Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad Lancers and the 15th Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade on the slopes of the Carmel Mountain embody the unwavering strength, great spirit and magnificent valor of the Indian people.

As we celebrate 70 years since the establishment of the State of Israel, a milestone representing the rebirth of our nation, we salute the men who mounted the last great cavalry campaign in history and we remember those who risked their lives to help topple an empire and ultimately pave the way to our independence.

The heroism of the Indian People will forever be a part of our history, and the bond between India and Israel will never be broken.

Sincerely yours,


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