

The Ambassador of Switzerland

Tel Aviv, 13.07.2018

Dear Rabbi Waldman, Rabbi Etrog, Noam Arnon and Anat Cohen,

You are certainly aware of the incident that took place in Hebron two days ago, whereby a Swiss member of the TIPH slapped a young boy. Though this was no doubt preceded by some provocation on the side of the settlers – the action of this TIPH member is totally unacceptable. It is expected from our TIPH members that they keep their nerves in any circumstance.

I wish to express my apologies for this gesture. I also wish to let you know that the concerned Swiss individual is leaving the country today.

I count on you to help avoid the situation from deteriorating. It is imperative that interactions between TIPH personnel and the settlers be respectful and that the provocations stop.

It is a privilege to be able to communicate with you in this effective manner. I hope we can continue to work together towards a future of peace for everyone.

I take this occasion to wish you a peaceful and serene Shabbat.

Sincerely,



Jean-Daniel Ruch