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Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Jerusalem, May 5, 2013

To:

Mr. Larry Page-CEO

Google

Dear sir,

I have been informed that Google has recently decided to change the tagline on the

Palestinian homepage from "Palestinian territories" to "Palestine".

By doing so Google is in essence recognizing the existence of a Palestinian state. Such a decision, is in my opinion, not only mistaken but could also negatively impinge on the efforts of my government to bring about direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Google has brought about so many positive changes in the world by promoting connections between people and between peoples. This decision, however, is in contradiction to such aims, and distances the parties

from real dialogue.

I would be grateful were you to reconsider this decision since it entrenches the Palestinians in their view that they can further their political aims through one-side actions rather than through negotiating and mutual agreement.

I would like to propose that you meet Israeli representatives to discuss further your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Zeev Elkin