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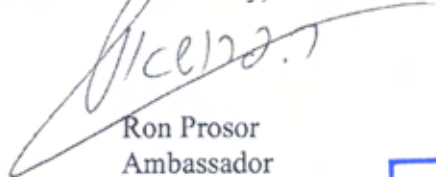
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The remarks made yesterday should be condemned by every member, regional group, and by the most senior leaders of the United Nations. It is shameful that only a handful of countries voiced outrage over these remarks. There is no shortage of voices calling for compassion, coexistence and cooperation, yet these same nations fall mysteriously silent when Israel becomes the victim of vicious and vile vitriol.

I urge members of the international community to condemn this sort of vile provocation. I also ask that you publically denounce the politicization and exploitation of the Holocaust in the United Nations and direct the chairs of all UN bodies to prohibit its use in future debates.

Allow me, Excellency, to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador  
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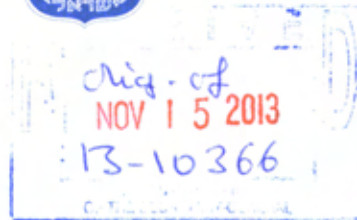
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