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Dear Prime Minister Begin,

Thank you for your letter dated August 4.

I am pleased to learn that you have fully recovered and that you are able now to assume your responsibilities.

I am glad, also, that you reiterated, anew, your commitment to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East. This commitment, which we share, constitutes the very foundation of the peace process which was set in motion by my journey to Jerusalem and was reinforced by our joint effort thereafter. However, you would certainly agree with me that, for this commitment to be meaningful, it should not stop at the verbal assertion. Eather, it must be reflected in the actual behaviour of the parties concerned.