Letter by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

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<u>The Blessings of the Prime Minister to the Humanity Day Conference</u> <u>Organized by Brit Olam – Noahide World Center</u>

To the leaders of Brit Olam, Noahides, and participants in the conference:

It gives me great pleasure to greet you on the occasion of your annual conference in Jerusalem, with the participation of dozens of Noahides – individuals and community members – from many nations around the world.

The Seven Mitzvot of Bnei Noach are matters of both faith and morality, which according to our sages obligate all of the non-Jewish peoples of the world. These commandments serve as a basis for establishing a civilized society. According to our tradition, the Seven Mitzvot were given to the people of the world on the 27th of the month of Cheshvan – the day when the Deluge ended and Noach, his family, and all the animals left the ark in order to begin a new era in the history of humanity.

The State of Israel, which strives to base its existence on a foundation of justice and morality, serves as a focal point for the support of many people all over the world who do not belong to the Jewish nation. Many such people maintain their original religion while at the same time accepting the universal message of Judaism, but others among them explicitly choose to observe the Seven Mitzvot of Bnei Noach.

The activities of Brit Olam in support of Bnei Noach take their inspiration from a verse in Genesis, "All the families of the world will be blessed through you." This includes many realms of activity, from providing guidance to Bnei Noach in various countries to publishing prayer books and study materials for them, and leading up to preparing them for making a declaration in a Jewish court that gives them the formal status of Bnei Noach. The Humanity Day conference will help to empower the Bnei Noach movement and its message, and it will give added strength to the worldwide support of the nation of Israel and the Jewish State.

I want to wish you success in your conference and that you will achieve much in your very important endeavors.

My blessings to you,

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel