



April 13, 2003

Mr. Nigel Roberts  
The World Bank  
Jerusalem

Dear Nigel,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 April 2003 regarding Israel's security fence.

I read the letter with great interest and shared its content with the relevant Israeli authorities.

At the same time, I would like to note the position of the government of Israel that the decision and construction of the security fence were taken as a component of Israel's responsibility of protecting its citizens from the horrific wave of terrorism emanating from the West bank. This defensive measure has been taken with the sole intent of blocking the passage of terrorists, bombs and ammunition into the State of Israel.

Given the operational – security nature of the Security Fence, we consider it beyond the context of the activities of the donor community.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
Yossi Gal