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His Royal Highness  
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Your Royal Highness,

The joyful period of Christmas and the New Year which already elapsed gave Us the pleasure to cordially thank You for Your festive wishes submitted to Us, and to belatedly extend to Your Royal Highness Our heartfelt congratulations for the holiday.

May Our Lord and Saviour grant longevity and health to Your Royal Family and peace to our Holy Land, prosperity to all people, and His abundant heavenly blessings upon Your noble Country.

With Our high esteem and Patriarchal greetings, We remain,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Diodoros I', written in a cursive style.

**DIODOROS I**  
Patriarch of Jerusalem

Jerusalem  
Christmas 1998