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Shalom,

Re: Response to the report of the Evaluation Committee in the field of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Haifa

We thank the members of the Committee for their visit, detailed report and important recommendations.

The Department's response to the Committee's submissions is enclosed. Below is our response to the remarks addressed to the University administration:

- **Department expansion to 19-20 FTEs:**

Today the Department comprises 19.75 positions, in line with the Committee's recommendation.

- **Raising support from the University administration for MA and PhD student fellowships and assistantships:**

Over the last three years, the University administration has consistently raised the allocations for scholarships within the regular budget: in 2008/9 the scholarship budget was NIS 26.1 million, in 2009/10, it totaled NIS 28.9 million and in 2010/11, NIS 31.5 million (an increase of NIS 5.4 million from 2008/9). We plan on increasing the budget for all our students, and at the same time expect our researchers to secure competitive research funds in order to finance research students as well.

Yours sincerely,



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