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**Review of the Implementation Report of Tel-Aviv University**

I want to thank the faculty and administration of Tel-Aviv for their report on the implementation of the committee's recommendations. In all reviews of this nature, the most important goal is to stimulate an internal review of departmental practices. I am convinced that this has occurred.

Some of the recommendations of the committee were at a national level, such as the adjustment of level of the material covered in first year courses and the consideration of a national program for graduate students. Although these were not adopted as a whole, I note that several institutions have added preparatory courses for entering students, and that the separate graduate programs are now coordinated under the auspices of the Israel Mathematical Union. Both represent steps in the right direction.

At Tel-Aviv, I was delighted to see that the department has formed a committee of senior members to support the chairman, and has come up with a staffing plan to grow the faculty from 48 to 54. The restructuring of the service courses in the exact sciences should result in the department getting more credit for its extensive teaching. I know that the University has been through a period of very difficult times. But I am convinced that the faculty can rebuild and remain one of the very top mathematics departments in the world.

Sincerely yours,

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