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Review of the Implementation Report of the Technion.

I want to thank the faculty and administration of the Technion 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.

Technion has been actively reviewing its entire undergraduate program. One challenge was to integrate mathematics with the neighboring engineering departments, and I was delighted to see the many faculty initiatives they have undertaken. They have developed an innovative online grading service, and found a way to properly compensate the excellent adjunct teachers in the department. They have a talented and energetic chair; I am convinced that under his leadership Technion will continue to develop one of the leading mathematics departments in Israel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benedict H. Gross'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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