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Rt. Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP Leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition House of Commons London SW1A OAA

Dear Jeremy,

I am disturbed to hear that the Labour Party has hired a member of staff to the Leader of the Opposition's office who has made comparisons between Israel and ISIS.

I find it very difficult to understand how such an appointment can be made at any time, let alone now when Labour's antisemitism crisis is at its worst. I am concerned that this decision will be seen as deeply provocative to the Jewish community.

As the Board of Deputies and the Jewish Leadership Council said earlier this week: "Thousands of British Jews did not demonstrate outside Parliament just for a few lawyers and another newspaper article; they demanded action and so do we."

I sincerely hope you will use this opportunity to rectify this woeful decision and show to Britain's Jewish community that you are both prepared to take action against antisemitism and hatred of the Jewish state.

Yours sincerely,

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CC Jennie Formby, General Secretary of the Labour Party