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**Statements concerning the phone call between Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu as agreed upon by the two sides:**

**Israeli statement:** "Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke today with Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey. PM Netanyahu told him he had just had good conversations with President Obama about regional cooperation and the importance of Israel–Turkey relations. He regretted the recent deterioration of relations between Israel and Turkey and expressed his commitment to overcoming their differences in order to advance peace and stability in the region. PM Netanyahu said he had seen PM Erdogan's recent interview in a Danish newspaper and appreciated his words. He made clear that the tragic outcome of the Mavi Marmara incident was not intended by Israel and that Israel regrets the loss of human life and injury. In light of Israel's investigation into the incident which pointed to a number of operational mistakes, the Prime Minister expressed Israel's apology to the Turkish people for any mistakes that might have led to the loss of life or injury and agreed to conclude an agreement on compensation/nonliability. Prime Minister Netanyahu

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