Dear colleagues,

This morning we obtained written commitment from both the government and VERA, stating that the Shohat committee’s recommendations that relate to salary and work conditions will NOT be unilaterally implemented. Any implementation will take place only after negotiations and the signature of an abiding agreement between VERA and the faculty associations. Consequently, the coordinating council of faculty associations decided unanimously to stop the strike effective immediately.

These commitments would probably not have been reached if not for minister Yuli Tamir who relentlessly tried to convince all involved parties to reach these commitments. Also helpful was Mr. Ovad Yehezkel, the PM's right hand, who left no rock unturned in his efforts to bridge the gaps.

On behalf of the coordinating council, I would like to thank also the faculty for their support, especially those that helped us by sending letters to the press. Our endeavors are far from being over, and we'll need you again in our campaign to reach a new salary contract.

Shalom,

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