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President Schulz expresses his condolences after the passing of Shimon Peres

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“It is with great sadness that I learnt today of the passing of former President Shimon Peres.

Today the Israeli people lose a father and a landmark in the political landscape and history of Israel. We share their grief.

We salute the memory of an exceptional and visionary statesman: a true advocate for security, peace and dignity.

President Peres had a vision for the Middle East and tirelessly believed in peace with the Palestinians and with the Arab neighbouring countries.

He initiated and undertook the negotiations that resulted in the Oslo peace agreement in September 1993. This was a truly pivotal and fundamental act for all the peoples in the region and one for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, along with Prime Minister Rabin and President Arafat.

In these tormented times for the Middle East and the world more generally, his immense heritage will never be forgotten and will continue to inspire those who believe in diplomacy, dialogue and reconciliation.

I met former PM and President Peres many times. He gave us the honour of addressing the European Parliament plenary during my presidency. His charisma, ideas and personality never failed to inspire. He, the former immigrant from Poland, relentlessly expressed his support and his trust in the European Union.

We convey our condolences to his children, loved ones and to all the Israeli people.”

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