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Panama the 18th of December 2009

Ref: DLPI/32-09

Creation: Zionist Federation of Panama. Organización Sionista de Panamá. **–O.S.Pa-**

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Our application is based on the following:

1. Community

The Jewish community in Panama is growing year after year. In the last 5 years over 5 000 people immigrated for economic reason in Panama (Argentina, Uruguay) or political reason (Venezuela). Ours Brothers are very well accepted by our Kehila. Part of the benefit of this immigration, is to give more activity to the Zionist Associations in Panama because they were committed in their original countries.

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2. Youth and education

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- Isaac Rabin School
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-Keren Hayesod

-JNF- K.K.L
-Wizo
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4. Other.

-We do not have the any information about "ALYA", because this entire theme is working in Mexico.

-We have too a sporting Club with more than 300.000m2 for youth, adults and Zionist activities.

-Ours involvement with our friends in Panamanians government contribute that Panama was the only country in the region who votes in favor of Israel at the UN, for the issue of Goldstone report.

Request

With all this elements, we request that Panama will be represented in the next Zionist Congress by 4 delegates.

We stayed pending the procedures to follow to obtain such recognition.

Sincerely.

Dido Sanchez
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