FORM 3 (Rules 6 and 17)

Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Statement in support of a Complaint, or in support of an Answer to a Complaint

Box for use only by the Registrar of Tribunals	*Statement submitted by:* *Name of maker of statement:* *Date of statement:*

In the matter of the complaint

Enter the name of the complainant.
Enter the name of the member of the clergy about whom a complaint is made.

made by The Board of Deputies of British Jews

against: Rev Dr Stephen Sizer

My full name is: Reverend Deacon Dr Duncan Macpherson,
My contact address, including postcode, is:
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***Telephone & e-mail details are optional, but it could be helpful to the registrar and bishop to have them.*

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**My e-mail address is: Duncan@deaconduncan.com

The matters in this statement to which I refer are all within my own knowledge, except where I indicate otherwise. If anything is not within my own knowledge, then I set out the source of any matters of information and belief:

*You must explain in your statement how you know about each of the matters you describe, **unless** you know about them because you have **personally** seen or observed them.*

I am a Roman Catholic Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Westminster and a retired academic who has served as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Principal Lecturer in Theology and Religious Studies at Saint Mary's University (formerly Saint Mary's University College), Twickenham, for 33 years, and subsequently as a Senior Research Fellow at University of Wales Lampeter and again as a Visiting Lecturer and Senior Research Fellow at St Mary's University, Twickenham.

In 1982, I became a founder member of the Living Stones of the Holy Land Trust, a registered ecumenical charity set up to promote links between Christians in Britain and Christians in the Holy Land and neighbouring countries. Patrons of this charity have included, three Anglican Bishops, three Roman Catholic Cardinals, an Anglican Archbishop of York, two Latin Patriarchs, one Greek Catholic Patriarch, two Greek Orthodox bishops and a President of the Lutheran World Federation.

My work for Living Stones and involvement in leading Holy Land Pilgrimages soon brought me into contact with Dr. Sizer, whose academic expertise and strong advocacy of human rights provided very valuable support to the development of the charity and its work.

I am proud to have worked with Dr. Sizer over more than more than four decades. I know him well, and I find the accusation of anti-Semitism against him to be risible.

He is utterly opposed to racism or sectarianism of any kind, and I believe that he is yet one more victim of a politically motivated campaign to conflate criticism of Israel or of Zionist ideology with hatred or negative prejudice against Jews.

I also know that he has the support of a number of Jewish rabbis, academics and Jewish human rights campaigners who share his commendable concern for the plight of the Palestinian people.

I believe the facts in my statement to be true. I am aware that the contents of this statement may be made public

You must sign and date this statement.

Signed: Duncan Macpherson

Dated: 28.11.18