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: Ismail Patel

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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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.*

The accusation of discrimination and xenophobia are serious and need to be investigated meticulously. The suffering of Jews in Europe at the hands of anti-Semites and the Holocaust means every complaint of anti-Semitism requires to be dealt with equal measure. Having known Rev Dr Stephen Sizer for over twenty years I was shocked at the allegations but as stated above it was necessary to investigate not only the message but the content of the messenger and the sources.

To come to a conclusion on the accusation without taking into account these would be a dereliction of duty and travesty of justice. To the best my knowledge Rev Dr Sizer has been critical of Israeli Policies towards Palestinians and its occupation. However, to conflate this as anti-Semitic is to supersede Israeli government policies over Jewishness.

Any accusation has to be clearly demonstrated and having worked, read and heard Rev Dr Sizer's I believe there will be a lack of such evidence being produced.

Rev Dr Sizer has approached the issue of Israel-Palestine with the sensitivity it requires and has been able to articulate his position free of polemics that is in public domain. It is possible this may not be acceptable to some but to the best my knowledge is has free of malicious and works to end violence for a peaceful Holy Land. In all my encounters Dr Sizer's message has been from the teachings of Jesus (pbuh), one of peace and brotherhood. He emphasises diplomacy over violence and reconciliation and forgiveness over hatred.

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:

Ismail Patel

Ismail Patel Bsc, MBCO, MA

Dated: 28 November 2018