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Dear Mr. Yaron Barzilay,

On 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, I congratulate the team of New Acropolis on this wonderful initiative of hosting "Empowering Real Change: Leadership for a Better World".

India has been called the cradle of civilization. Way back in 1761, the great thinker Voltaire was convinced that the world's oldest culture and most pristine religion are to be found in India. This country gave birth to great religious thinkers like Swami Vivekananda, Guru Nanak, Kabir and Mahatma Gandhi among others. Gandhiji was not only the Father of our Nation, he was one of the great thinkers of all time. He was constantly experimenting with Truth and these experiments led him to propagate certain principles that have survived the test of time. Gandhiji believed that though self-reliance, and an able leadership, we could acquire self-respect and national pride. Gandhiji has set the true example of great leadership for our youth. Our youth need to emulate his golden teachings for a better world -- "The history of the world is full of men who rose to leadership, by sheer force of self-confidence, bravery and tenacity" and "Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

I am pleased to know that on this occasion a special publication "Empowering Real Change" is being brought out and will be shared with affiliate organisations across 60 countries. My good wishes for the success of the programme, and while the New Acropolis grows from strength to strength, may those at the realm leave deeply embedded footprints so that those who follow will continue the good work.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Pheroza J. Godrej