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STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF RABBI LORD SACKS ON SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT – JFS

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The Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks said:

The closeness of the Court's judgement indicates how complex this case was, both in English law and debated issues of Jewish identity. I welcome the judges' vindication of the good faith in which the United Synagogue, the London Beth Din and our office have acted.

I likewise welcome the suggestion of the President of the Supreme Court that the issue at stake in this case may merit legislative remedy. However, these matters require careful reflection and consultation, and instant reactions would be inappropriate. Our office will be working closely together with the schools, the United Synagogue, the Board of Deputies and other interested parties to consider the implications of the verdict before making a full response.