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Dear Dr. Sala:

We recently learned of your correspondence with our Romanian partner, MCA Romania – The Center for Monitoring and Combating Antisemitism in Romania, regarding the definition of “jidan” in the DEX dictionary. We appreciate your immediate response, recognizing that the definition was mistaken and did not accurately convey its pejorative connotation.

To prevent a repetition of this unfortunate editorial mistake, we urge the Romanian Academy to cooperate closely with MCA Romania to develop the most appropriate entry for “jidan” in the DEX dictionary. We have every confidence that MCA ROMANIA has the expertise to assess and correctly describe the exact connotations, and we hope you will accept MCA Romania's request to describe “jidan” as racist and anti-Semitic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abraham H. Foxman".

Abraham H. Foxman  
National Director

cc: Mr. Maximillian Marco Katz

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