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Sonesta and HaYovel Issue Joint Statement Regarding Amicable Resolution of Cancelled Nashville Event

Parties Commit to Assisting Impacted Attendees

NEWTON, Mass. and PATTERSON, Mo. – May 17, 2024 – Sonesta International Hotels Corporation (Sonesta), the 8th largest hotel company in the U.S., and HaYovel, a non-profit organization focused on helping Christians from around the world volunteer in Israel, today announced that they have reached a resolution following the Sonesta Nashville Airport's cancellation of a planned HaYovel event at the hotel due to security concerns. The organizations issued the following joint statement:

Sonesta and HaYovel are pleased to have quickly and amicably reached a resolution regarding the cancellation of a recent event that was to be hosted at the Sonesta Nashville Airport.

The safety and wellbeing of Sonesta's team and guests is its top priority. While Sonesta determined it was unable to host the HaYovel event due to security concerns, Sonesta sincerely apologizes for the difficulty that this decision has caused HaYovel and its Nashville event attendees. Sonesta respects all humanitarian aid and advocacy groups in their efforts on behalf of people of all faiths, beliefs and backgrounds.

HaYovel appreciates Sonesta's willingness to resolve this situation swiftly and to the organization's full satisfaction. As previously announced, the Nashville event has been rescheduled to take place at Ramsey Solutions on May 20-22, 2024.

Both parties are committed to assist impacted event attendees to process refunds for relevant expenses.

Event attendees requiring help with adjusting travel arrangements may contact HaYovel, Inc. at info@hayovel.com.

About Sonesta

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48 **About HaYovel** 49 HaYovel is a faith-based, Christian ministry that brings volunteers from all over the world to Israel to aid 50 Israeli grape farmers in planting, pruning, and harvesting their vineyards. 51 52 Contacts 53 54 <u>Sonesta</u> 55 Christopher Ranjitkar (617) 219-1473 56 57 58 Andrew Siegel / Lucas Pers / Mike Reilly 59 Joele Frank, Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher 60 (212) 355-4449 61 62 **HaYovel** 63 John Manning 64 media@firstliberty.org 65 972-941-4453.