Mr. President, thank you for the trust you have placed in me.

I stand here with a profound sense of duty, fully aware of the immense responsibility I bear.

With me, and before my eyes, stand all of Israel's citizens, including those who lost their lives and those who were wounded - civilians and soldiers who have paid the most painful price out of love for our people and our land.

I will do everything in my power to be worthy of them and of the entire people of Israel.

To be worthy - that is the highest duty incumbent upon me and upon us all.

My Israeli brothers and sisters, Israel faces a challenging and fateful national emergency.

On the external front, fighting continues across multiple arenas, and the objectives of the war have yet to be achieved.

At the same time, we are in the midst of a devastating diplomatic crisis. Even our closest friends and strategic allies are calling for a reassessment of their relations with Israel.

At home, Israeli democracy is at one of its most vulnerable moments. The campaign to undermine the legitimacy of our democracy, together with the growing distrust in state institutions, fueled daily, has brought us to an extremely dangerous point.

If we continue on our current path, we risk sliding into darkness and approaching a point of no return, with consequences that would be extremely difficult to overcome as a society and as a nation.

That is why we urgently need new leadership - Leadership that can look us in the eye and earn our trust. Leadership that always puts Israel's well-being and security first.

Leadership whose heart, in the words of Rambam (Maimonides): "is the heart of the entire congregation of Israel."

Leadership that embraces and represents every part of our people. Leadership capable of bringing our country and our society back to safe harbor and restoring sanity.

That is what I intend to do.

The formal consultations held here, at the President's Residence, have revealed a clear picture: an absolute majority of Knesset members, representing the Israeli public, support change and support me as prime minister.

Seventy-four members of the Knesset no longer have confidence in the continued tenure of the outgoing government and the prime minister who heads it.

The public has spoken. This is the people's verdict. We must do everything in our power to respect it and carry it out.

After the difficult years we have endured, this time we must do things differently.

This time, for the sake of all Israelis.

The days of Israelis feeling excluded by their own government must come to an end - and never be repeated.

That is my commitment!

With the mandate entrusted to me here today, I will lead the way toward the formation of a national emergency government.

This will require creative and unconventional political initiatives. Israel cannot afford delay or yet another cycle of endless elections. The challenges we face are too urgent.

I intend to issue a formal invitation shortly to every Knesset faction, calling on all their members, both as parties and as individuals, to take part in forming the government and bringing it to its swearing-in.

The rule is simple: if you are prepared to sign on to the four principles I have set out, you are potential partners in a national emergency government under my leadership.

These four principles are well known:

First, recognition of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

Second, acceptance of the values of the Declaration of Independence.

Third, mandatory service for all - military, national or civilian - to strengthen the IDF and expand its ranks.

Fourth, recognition of Hamas as a terrorist organization and a commitment to destroying its military and governing power.

I am convinced that this is both a viable and the right path to swiftly forming a new government with a broad majority in the Knesset.

For me, unity is neither a political bargaining chip nor a hollow trick. It is a fundamental value rooted in sincere and genuine partnership.

If the members of Likud and the Religious Zionist Party truly believe this is a time for unity, as they told the President, I cannot conceive of a reason why they would not support a government under my leadership and the principles I have presented.

Throughout my life, I have always meant what I said. The same is true today.

To all parliamentary factions and elected representatives: my door is open, and my hand is extended, wholeheartedly and willingly, to everyone who understands the gravity of this moment and is prepared to take a courageous step for the State of Israel.

From here, I wish to address the other one hundred and nineteen members of the 26th Knesset, who will be sworn in this week: the eyes of the public are upon us.

This is a moment when leadership is put to the test.

Anyone who attempts to sabotage the formation of a government for personal motives rather than on substantive grounds - will go down in history as having failed to save Israel at a time of national emergency.

Citizens of Israel, Mr. President,

I am under no illusions.

The task facing my partners and me is extraordinarily complex.

We find ourselves in what is probably the most complex and sensitive political situation since Israel was founded.

No one will be able to fulfill every commitment they have made, and all of us will need to compromise.

That, too, is leadership: knowing how to make decisions and set priorities.

I am confident that my partners understand the gravity of this moment and the urgent need to swear in a new government.

Their skills and experience are essential to our ability to steer Israel back to safe harbor.

I intend to navigate this situation with patience, humility and composure, and with a profound commitment to a Jewish, democratic, egalitarian, liberal and secure Israel.

My Israeli brothers and sisters, these are fateful days.

I intend to be the prime minister of all Israeli citizens - those who voted for me and those who did not.

I do not intend for one part of our society to prevail over another.

Israel needs new leadership as much as it needs air to breathe.

Israel needs a new government.

Israel needs leadership that champions what unites us and opens the way to a new era - an era of Zionism, solidarity and fellowship.

The task is difficult, and there is still much work to be done, but I believe success is within reach.

Israel must prevail, and I will do everything in my power to ensure that it does.

With God’s help, we will act and succeed!