

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND
GANGA REJUVENATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND WATER
RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

ON

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources of the Government of State of Israel, (hereinafter referred to as the 'Parties');

CONSIDERING their common interest in the economic and social development of their peoples, and **desiring** to promote and foster bilateral technical cooperation in the spirit of partnership, as reflected in the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of India, signed on December 30, 1996;

Recalling mutual discussions between both Parties with a view to enhancing cooperation in the field of Water Resources Management and Development;

Recognizing that mutual cooperation between the Parties on various aspects of Water Resources Management and Development will benefit the Parties in securing water resources for future generations;

Have reached the following understanding:

Article I

The Parties shall work to enhance cooperation at the national, regional and international levels in the field of Water Resources Management and Development by collaborating and sharing experience and expertise in the areas mutually agreed upon, including techniques in the efficient use of water resources, recycling/re-use of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge and in-situ water conservation techniques, and water resource management.



Article II

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experts, organization of training programs, study tours and other such activities including demonstrative pilot studies, in order to build capacities in the areas referred to in Article I.

Article III

The Parties shall promote cooperation within the framework of joint activities mentioned in Article I through biennial work plans to be drawn up by mutual agreement.

Article IV

A Joint Working Group shall be formed, not later than three months following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU), comprising an equal number of members from each of the Parties, which will monitor the activities to be carried out in fulfillment of the MoU. The Working Group shall endeavor to hold its meetings alternately in India and Israel at least once in every two years. In addition, the Working Group may interact at any time using telephone and video conferencing.

The Joint Working Group shall also endeavor to promote the conclusion of a framework agreement in the field of water resources between the Governments of the Parties.

Article V

Any activities carried out pursuant to this MOU shall be done in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures of the Parties.

Article VI

Any activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article VII

Any differences concerning the interpretation or application of this MOU should be settled amicably through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.



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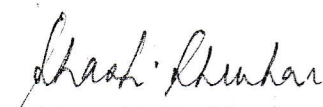
Article VIII

This MOU may be modified by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article IX

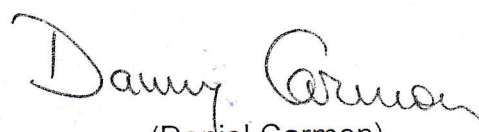
- (i) This MOU shall come into effect on the day of its signing and remain in effect for a period of five years; thereafter it shall automatically be extended for subsequent periods of five years at a time, unless either of the Parties gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate it.
- (ii) The termination of this MOU shall not affect any programs and activities undertaken prior to the termination of this MOU, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

Signed in India on this 11th day of November 2016, corresponding to the Hebrew date of 10th day of Cheshvan, 5777, in two original copies, each in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.


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