Declaration of Intent

Between

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser of the Republic of India

and

The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Israel

On

Cooperation in the Field of "Horizon Scanning"

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser of the Republic of India and The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology of the State of Israel (Hereinafter referred to as "The Participants").

Noting the warm and friendly relations between the participants and hoping to strengthen and deepen them further;

Recalling the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of India, Singed in New Delhi, on May 17, 1993.

Wishing to promote and safeguard the economic and social resilience of their citizens and to foster technological and scientific leadership as a foundation for national prosperity, stability, and sustainable development;

Acknowledging that such objectives are best reached through strategic national effort grounded in stable and credible foundations for strategic foresight, including the development of rigorous, useful, and actionable assessments and forecasts for national planning, the effort conducted through diverse methodologies and serving varied national needs.

Expressing their common interest in developing knowledge bases regarding future global developments for national strategic planning, including engagement with academia and external experts; ;

Considering that establishing and strengthening coordinated national mechanisms may enable synergy, reduce duplication, and improve the efficiency and quality of knowledge production required for advanced national planning;

Recognizing that international cooperation in developing strategic forecasts based on analysis of global trends, as a foundation for national planning in each country according to its needs, may yield substantial mutual benefits;

Hereby declare:

1. The Participants intend to collaborate, inter alia, in the following areas of collaboration:
    a. Joint Assessments and Research
    b. Methodological Cooperation and Capacity Building
    c. Technological Infrastructure and Enabling Systems
    d. Dedicated Sub-Group for Technological-Scientific Security Planning
    e. Promoting Regional Horizon-Scanning Cooperation.
    f. Any other related area, as mutually agreed upon.

2. The Participants intend to explore a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Horizon Scanning and any other areas to explore.
3. In order to promote the formulation of the aforementioned MOU, the Participants may establish a joint committee of relevant representatives to discuss common areas of interest and the implementation of potential future collaborations.
4. This declaration is solely an expression of the Participants' intention and does not create any legally binding obligation for the Participants.

Done at Jerusalem, on 26 February 2026, which corresponds to 9 Adar 5786 in the Hebrew calendar, in two original copies.

For the Government of the Republic of India	**For the Government of the State of Israel**
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