

DECLARATION OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, CIVIL PROTECTION
AND SPORTS OF SWITZERLAND
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
REGARDING
COOPERATION ON DEFENCE ISSUES

The Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports of Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as: "the Swiss Side") and the Ministry of Defence of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as: "the Israeli Side"),

Recognizing the tradition, importance, and mutual benefit of cooperation between the two countries and their armed forces,

Expressing their aspiration for continued mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries and their armed forces, based on mutual respect, confidence and recognition of the interests of the two countries,

Affirming their commitment to respect international law,

In a spirit of openness and mutual understanding and within the framework stipulated in the Swiss and the Israeli laws and regulations,

have expressed their common intentions as follows:

Article 1 - Objective of the Declaration of Intent

Both Signatories to this Declaration of Intent have the intention to continue relations between them in order to foster cooperation on defence issues.

Article 2 - Possible subjects of the intended cooperation

1. This cooperation may include bilateral strategic dialogues, the establishment of working groups, the exchange of delegations as well as mutually beneficial cooperation on selected projects in the defence field between the Ministries/Departments of Defence and/or their armed forces.
2. A working group for discussing issues of strategic importance for the Signatories may be set up. This working group may be convened once per year at venues and dates to be agreed, and it should deal with issues of strategic importance for both Signatories. The existing working group (Matrix Meetings) should continue to convene and perform its activities.

3. The Signatories, through this Declaration of Intent, intend also to enhance cooperation between their Ministries/Departments of Defence and/or their armed forces and civil defence/civil protection organizations. Such cooperation may be settled in separate arrangements and could include, inter alia:
 - a. Official visits of delegations from the Signatories and their armed forces;
 - b. Sharing of experience between specialists of the Signatories;
 - c. Exchange of scientific information;
 - d. Exchange of information regarding equipment and other technical matters;
 - e. Mutual invitations to courses, seminars and symposiums organized by the Signatories;
 - f. Organization of and participation in sports events;
 - i. Exchange of views on international humanitarian law and human rights law.
4. This cooperation should be conducted in accordance with the legislation of the two countries, including provisions related to the neutrality of Switzerland, and should not violate international obligations of the two countries.

Article 3 - Notices

1. The Signatories will communicate in writing, using the English language.
2. The Points of Contact to this Declaration of Intent are the following:

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This Declaration of Intent is signed in two copies in the English language, in _____ on this _____ day of _____.

Swiss SideIsraeli Side

Signature:Signature:

Name:Name:.....

Title:Title:.....