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**Memorandum of Understanding for a Framework of Co-  
operation between the Government of the State of Israel  
and the Government of Ireland in the field of Industrial  
Scientific Research and Technological Development**

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**Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A FRAMEWORK OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of Ireland, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”.

*Believing* that mutually beneficial Industrial Scientific Research and Technological Development co-operation could form an important element of Israel- Irish relations and make an important contribution to enhancing those relations;

*Recognising* the contacts that have already taken place between Irish and Israeli companies, research institutes and scientists as well as between Ministers and officials;

*Recognising* that Industrial Research and Development (R&D) co-operation could involve research institutes, Institutions of Higher Education/Third Level Colleges and industrial sectors/companies in both countries.

*Preferring* a bottom-up approach to developing cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding;

*Taking into account* the effective use that could be made of EU and other European funded schemes by means of greater collaboration and coordinated common efforts.

**HAVE AGREED** as follows

1. The Parties will initiate and stimulate co-operation between relevant Ministries, research institutes, Institutions of Higher Education/Third Level Colleges and industrial sectors/companies in order to strengthen partnership links in the field of Industrial Scientific Research and Technological Development.
2. The Parties will concentrate on developing partnerships in the context of European research and development programmes. In view of the participation of Israel in the Fifth EU Framework Programme of Research and Technological Development (RTD) and Demonstration (1998-2002) (to be referred to as Framework Programme 5), particular attention will be given to developing partnerships in the same Thematic Programmes/Key Actions and on the same conditions as set out in the Framework Programme between organisations in both countries.

The Parties will also promote the development of industrial R&D cooperation in areas of mutual interest, on an equal basis and at reciprocal advantage, in line with their respective legislation.

The development of partnerships may also be stimulated in other multi-lateral European programmes, e.g. EUREKA and COST. for these purposes the Parties will, where feasible, promote the exchange of information, and experiences in relation to the development of partnerships.

3. The Parties consider that the aforementioned areas of cooperation constitute a major basis for joint industrial R&D cooperative projects.

The Parties will support, as appropriate:

Visits of experts from Israel / Ireland to facilitate the preparation of joint projects leading to an application to the European Commission under framework Programme 5;

Joint seminars, symposia and workshops in order to identify potential projects of cooperation, and/or to report on completed projects-

Short term visits of expert teams in order to identify opportunities for joint commercialization of R&D results,

Exchange of industrial scientific and technological information and publications  
Encouragement in the form of Conditional Grants for joint industrial R&D projects

Any other form of cooperation which will be further agreed upon by the Parties.

Each of the Parties will bear the costs of its own expenses, as appropriate.

4. The MOU will be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Israel and Ireland.

5. A biennial action program for the implementation of this MOU will be drawn up at official level. The Israeli Party appoints the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Irish Party the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to be responsible for the execution of the MOU at national level. The Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Israel and the Office of Science and Technology in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment of Ireland will conclude a specific implementation agreement for implementing the co-operation in industrial scientific R&D and technological innovations. The activities carried out under the MOU will be subject to an understanding regarding the nature of the co-operative projects, procedures of mutual approval and the availability of funds and resources of the Parties.

6. Arrangements will be put into place to monitor the implementation and impact of the Memorandum of Understanding.

7. This MOU shall enter into force on the date of the second of the Diplomatic Notes by which the Parties will notify each other that their internal legal requirements for the entering into force of the MOU have been fulfilled.

It shall remain in force until terminated by either Party by giving notice in writing to take effect six months from the date of its receipt by the other Party.

The MOU may be modified or amended by mutual consent. Any amendment or modification of the MOU shall follow the same procedure as its entering into force.

**DONE** in Dublin on the 27 of October, 1999, which corresponds to the 17 day of Heshvan, 5760, in two original copies, in the Hebrew and English languages, the two texts being equally valid.

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