

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM  
BETWEEN**

**The Ministry of Education and Science of the Portuguese Republic  
And The Ministry of Science, Technology and Space of the State of Israel**

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Portuguese Republic (hereinafter referred to as "MEC"), and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Space of the State of Israel (hereinafter referred to as "MOST").

Pursuant to the Agreement between the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the State of Israel on Economic, Industrial and Technical-Scientific Cooperation, signed in Jerusalem on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1992,

Recognizing the desire of the scientists and research institutions in the two countries to further strengthen scientific cooperation, have decided to commence a new program for joint funding of Portugal-Israel cooperative research (hereinafter referred to as the "Program").

**Article I**

The Program shall promote research exchange in the scientific fields which both sides consider important in order to achieve sustainable growth namely, but not restricted to, Information and Communication Technologies, Health, Materials Engineering, Nanotechnology, Space, and Environmental Science. The research fields are to be selected, from time to time, by mutual consent of the MEC and the MOST (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Sides", and individually as a "Side").

**Article II**

The Program may include the following collaborative activities in both Sides:

- 1) Support of cooperative research projects conducted by scientists;
- 2) Support of joint seminars, symposia and other scientific meetings;
- 3) Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed by both sides.

**Article III**

The collaborative activities to be carried out under the Program should meet the following requirements:

- All collaborative activities must be of high scientific standard and beneficial to the advancement of science and technology.
- Each collaborative activity should be significant, from a scientific point of view, and as a project for bilateral cooperation.
- All cooperation under the Program should be performed on a basis of mutuality and equality.

**Article IV**

A Joint Working Group (JWG) shall be established to meet regularly in the two Sides countries on a rotating basis, to guide and coordinate the co-operation under this MoU. This JWG shall be represented equally by both Sides and shall be constituted within 3 months of the signature of this MoU. The Program is implemented in conformity with the Joint Guidelines that are to be established by the JWG.

**Article V**

The Program is subject to the budgetary appropriations available to each Side and to the laws and regulations in each Side.

**Article VI**

This Memorandum shall be valid for a period of three years and shall subsequently extend thereafter annually, unless a written notice of termination has been given by either Party six months in advance.

Termination of this Memorandum will not affect activities already approved jointly or in progress under the terms of this Memorandum.

**Article VII**

This Memorandum shall come into force from the date of its signature by the representatives of the two Sides.

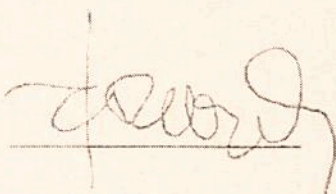
**Article VIII**

This Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent of the Sides.

This Memorandum is signed in two originals in English, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed in Jerusalem on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014, which corresponds to the 20<sup>th</sup> Iyar 5774 of the Hebrew calendar.

For the Ministry of Education  
and Science of the Portuguese Republic



For the Ministry of Science, Technology  
and Space of the State of Israel

