

Netherlands-Israel Defence Cooperation

Joint Declaration

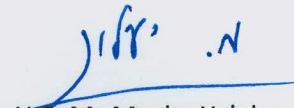
Today, 19 May 2014, the Minister of Defence of the State of Israel, Mr Moshe Ya'alon, and the Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mrs Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, note with satisfaction the excellent relations between the two countries, which are rooted in historic ties of friendship and cooperation in many areas and on many levels.

Defence is only one of many areas in which both countries are cooperating successfully. The Ministers note with satisfaction the degree to which the current mutually beneficial defence cooperation, consisting of training and exercises and the exchange of information in various fields, has developed. As new opportunities for cooperation arise, these will be explored and taken up, based on their merits.

As regards the status of military and civilian personnel involved in cooperation activities, the Ministers have identified the need to formalise their cooperation. For this purpose, the Ministers have accepted to explore the possibilities for an Agreement regarding the status of their personnel who are present on the other country's territory.

In addition, they have accepted to establish administrative procedures as well as Agreements in order to facilitate their cooperation activities.

Signed in Israel on 19 May 2014, which corresponds to 19 Iyar 5774, in two original copies,
each in the English language



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