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## JOINT DECLARATION

BY

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

AND

THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

On the occasion of the visit of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) to Israel, and taking into consideration that Israel was granted the status of Permanent Observer of the OAS in 1972, we exchanged ideas about activities of common interest;

We discussed the role of the OAS in the advancement of democracy and human rights in the Americas;

We also discussed the broad range of OAS programs in Member States from electoral observation missions, anticorruption, gender equity, natural disaster mitigation, and river basin water management, to cybersecurity, conflict prevention, and human development;

We recognize that the OAS seeks to advance regional cooperation among OAS Member States through the promotion of democracy, the protection of human rights, and the advancement of multidimensional security and integral development;

We further recognize the value to OAS Member States of cooperation initiatives supported by Israel in the areas of electoral observations, education and youth entrepreneurship;

We believe that given Israel's commitment to strengthening relations with the Americas, the time has come to give a new impetus and substance to OAS-Israel cooperation and strategic partnership;

We instruct our teams to work on the content of a cooperation agreement in order to strengthen and promote friendly cooperation and the exchange of best practices between the OAS General Secretariat and the Government of Israel to address economic and security challenges;

In fulfilling these objectives, both the Government of Israel and the OAS General Secretariat will work together to expand cooperation in areas of common strategic priority; and

Within three months of the execution of this Joint Declaration, the OAS General Secretariat and the Government of Israel will develop a work plan to formalize a cooperation agreement to be signed by the parties in respect of the following areas of common interest:

- Cybersecurity
- Water management
- Innovation
- Education

The OAS General Secretariat Strategic Council for Organizational Development and Results Based Management/Department of External Relations and International Affairs together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel will coordinate the implementation of this Joint Declaration.

Signed in Jerusalem, August 9, 2017.

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