

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT DRUGS

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter the parties) have reached the following understandings on bilateral cooperation to combat illicit narcotics trafficking and abuse:

- (1) The parties share a common goal of combatting illicit drugs, recognize the threat that the drug menace poses to human society, and agree that bilateral and multilateral cooperation are vital elements in the war against illicit drugs.
- (2) To achieve the goal of increased bilateral cooperation, the parties agree to meet, as deemed appropriate, to coordinate cooperative efforts in the fight against illicit drugs. The meetings will take place at least annually.
- (3) All cooperative efforts under this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations.
- (4) The parties will endeavor to share their knowledge, experience and methods in the interdiction of illicit narcotics.
- (5) The parties will endeavor to apply reciprocally the method of controlled delivery or other similar methods, including the prevention of unauthorized penetration of drugs and drug traffickers into each country.
- (6) The parties will endeavor to share their knowledge and resources in the area of narcotics law enforcement.
- (7) The parties will promote cooperation between police and other narcotics law enforcement agencies with regard to the exchange of information, interdiction and investigative methods used, as well as techniques employed to seize and arrest illicit drugs, drug traffickers and to disrupt their organizations.
- (8) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in gathering and sharing intelligence regarding the commerce in illicit drugs in the Middle East, Europe, and other areas as deemed appropriate.

(9) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the area of legal assistance, which may involve criminal investigations, prosecutions, and other judicial proceedings in relation to drug trafficking offenses as embodied in the domestic laws of the parties.

(10) The parties will endeavor to promote cooperation in the training of law enforcement, treatment and rehabilitation, and prevention personnel of both countries.

(11) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the development of scientific and technical tools to combat illicit narcotics production and trafficking.

(12) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the promotion of bilateral drug awareness and information sharing in the fight against drugs by means to be mutually agreed upon.

(13) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the development of drug prevention information and drug education programs, including the mass media, in their respective countries.

(14) The parties will endeavor to promote the exchange of information in the fields of drug education, information and prevention.

(15) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the development of research methods for measuring the effectiveness of disseminated drug education information and drug education programs directed at various age and socio-economic groups.

(16) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the preparation of various bi-national drug abuse and awareness research programs that are mutually agreed to.

(17) The parties will endeavor to cooperate in the development of drug treatment and rehabilitation models which meet their specific needs of treatment and rehabilitation. The above may include cooperation in the development of therapeutic communities, community-based treatment, and other programs in the medical and social fields as appropriate.

(18) The parties will endeavor to exchange knowledge and experience in the area of drug treatment and rehabilitation of convicts and ex-convicts.

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(19) The parties have designated and authorized their respective national organs to represent them in the promotion of cooperative efforts as they may deem appropriate. Israel has designated the Israel Anti-Drug Authority; The United States has designated the Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics Matters.

(20) a. This MOU shall come into force upon signature by the parties. Either party may terminate this MOU by giving written notification to the other party.

b. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the parties.

Signed in Jerusalem, November 28, 1991 (Kislev 21, 5752).
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