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Joint Communiqué of the Bilateral Permanent Working Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel (13 June 2017)

The Bilateral Permanent Working Commission between the Holy See and the State of Israel met today, 13th June 2017, in Vatican City, at the Plenary level, to continue negotiations pursuant to the Fundamental Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Israel of 1993, Art. 10 paragraph 2.

The meeting was headed by Msgr. Antoine Camilleri, Undersecretary for the Holy See's Relations with States, and by Mr. Tzachi Hanegbi, Minister for Regional Cooperation of the State of Israel.

The Plenary was pleased with the progress accomplished at the working level regarding the negotiations, and the cordial atmosphere in which the meetings took place. The outcomes of today's Plenary give hope for a rapid conclusion of ongoing negotiations and the signing of the document. The Plenary further acknowledges the collaborative efforts of both sides for the implementation of the 1997 Bilateral Legal Personality Agreement.

Delegation of the Holy See:

Msgr. Antoine **Camilleri**, Undersecretary for Relations with the States of the Holy See, Head of Delegation;
H.E. Arch. Giuseppe **Lazzarotto**, Apostolic Nuncio in Israel;
H.E. Arch. Antonio **Franco**, Apostolic Nuncio;
Fr. Oscar **Marzo**, O.F.M., Office of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches of the Holy See;
Msgr. Ionut Paul **Strejac**, Desk officer, Secretary of State of the Holy See;
Mr. Henry **Amoroso**, Principal Legal Adviser;
Fr. Jacek **Jasztak**, O.F.M., Vicar of the Custody of the Holy Land;
Fr. Ibrahim **Faltas**, O.F.M., Custody of the Holy Land;
Sr. Kathy **Zimmermann**, F.S.E., Secretary of the Delegation

Delegation of the State of Israel:

Mr. Tzachi **Hanegbi**, Minister for Regional Cooperation;
H.E. Oren **David**, Ambassador of Israel to the Holy See;
Mrs. Emi **Palmor**, Director General (MOJ);
Mr. Ehud **Keinan**, External Advisor, Co-Chairman of the Working Level of the Bilateral Permanent Working

Commission;

Mr. Akiva **Tor**, Head of World Jewish and World Religions Affairs Bureau (MFA);

Dr. Joseph **Draznin**, Advisor for the Minister for Regional Cooperation;

Mrs. Sharon **Regev**, Director of the World Religions Affairs Department (MFA);

Mrs. Tamar **Kaplan**, Principal Deputy Legal Advisor and Director of the Diplomatic and Civil Law Department (MFA);

Mr. Itai **Apter**, Director, International Civil Affairs, Office of the Deputy Attorney General (International Law) (MOJ);

Mr. Reuven **Eidelman**, Diplomatic and Civil Law Department (MOJ);

Mr. Moshe **Golan**, External Advisor;

Mr. Amir **Haran**, Senior Advisor to the Director General (MOJ);

Mrs. Dorit **Shimon**, Advisor for the Minister for Regional Cooperation.
