

PEACEKEEPING

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and ISRAEL**

Signed at Jerusalem and Washington
October 31 and November 12, 1998



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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Entered into force November 12, 1998.*

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

In view of the long-standing security relationship between the United States and Israel and the long-term commitment by the United States to the maintenance of Israel's qualitative edge, and considering the developing regional threats emanating from the acquisition of ballistic missile capabilities and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the governments of the United States and Israel have decided to work jointly consistent with their long-standing policies towards the attainment of the following objectives:

- Enhancing Israel's defensive and deterrent capabilities.
- Upgrading the framework of the U.S.-Israel strategic and military relationships, as well as the technological cooperation between them.

The two governments will forthwith designate representatives to a joint strategic planning committee which will formulate specific recommendations on steps that can be implemented as quickly as possible to advance the foregoing objectives.

The United States Government would view with particular gravity direct threats to Israel's security arising from the regional deployment of ballistic missiles of intermediate range or greater. In the event of such a threat, the United States Government would consult promptly with the Government of Israel with respect to what support, diplomatic or otherwise, or assistance, it can lend to Israel.

This Memorandum of Agreement has been done in duplicate in the English language at Jerusalem and Washington, D.C. and will enter into effect when each side has informed the other that it has signed an original. The two sides will exchange the signed originals for completion of the signature process.



For the Government Date
of Israel

10/31/98



For the Government of Date
the United States