

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL  
AND  
THE JIANGSU ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Ministry of Environmental Protection of the State of Israel and the Jiangsu Environmental Protection Department of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Sides" or individually as a "Side");

**Recognizing** the importance of mutual cooperation and the urgency of finding cost effective solutions to common environmental issues that support the need for sustainable development;

**Convinced** that strengthened cooperation between the Sides in the field of environmental protection, sustainable development and nature conservation is of mutual benefit and will further promote the friendly relations between their respective countries;

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Establishment of Israel – China Joint Committee on Innovation Cooperation signed in Jerusalem, on May 19, 2014.

**Recalling** on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China, signed in Beijing, on March 21, 2017.

Have reached the following understanding regarding cooperation:

#### **Article 1 - Objective**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is to promote cooperation between the Sides in the field of environmental protection on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

#### **Article 2 – Areas of cooperation**

The following areas have been identified by the Sides as the main areas of cooperation:

1. Water issues, including wastewater treatment, non-point water pollution, protection of aquifers and river restoration;
2. ;Solid and hazardous waste management, including recycling and reuse;
3. Air pollution control;
4. Nature and biodiversity conservation;
5. Environmental technology and industry; and
6. Other areas as mutually agreed upon by the Sides.

#### **Article3 – Form of cooperation**

Cooperation between the Sides under this MOU may include, but is not necessarily limited to the following forms:

1. Exchange of relevant information and documentation;
2. Exchange of visits of experts, scholars and delegations;
3. Jointly organized seminars, workshops and meetings;
4. Joint research and promotion of pilot and commercial demonstration projects;  
and
5. Other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon.

#### **Article 4 - Funding**

Cooperative activities under this MOU shall be subject to availability of appropriate funds and other resources of each Side. Unless otherwise agreed between the Sides, each Side shall bear its own costs and expenses arising from the implementation of this MOU.

#### **Article 5 - Implementation**

Each Side shall designate a coordinator at appropriate level respectively for the implementation of this MOU.

#### **Article 6 - Framework**

1. Nothing in this MOU shall affect the rights and obligations of the Sides deriving from any treaties, conventions, regional or global agreements related to environmental protection, to which they are parties.
2. Any activity carried out by a Side pursuant to this MOU, shall be implemented in accordance with that Side's domestic laws, regulations, procedures and mechanisms.

#### **Article 7 – Confidential Information**

Any information created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this MOU and business-confidential information obtained and/or exchanged pursuant to this MOU, designated by either Side as confidential, is to be treated by the other Side as such.

#### **Article 8 - Interpretation**

Any dispute between the Sides arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably through consultation between the Sides.

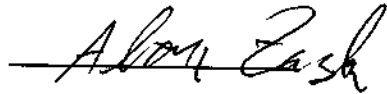
#### **Article 9 - Modification**

This MOU may be modified at any time through mutual written consent by the Sides. Such modifications shall come into effect on the date determined by the Sides and shall form an integral part of this MOU.

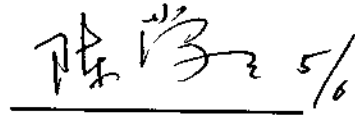
### Article 10 - Final Provisions

1. This MOU shall enter into effect on the date of the signature. This MOU shall remain in effect for a 5 (five) years period and after which it shall be automatically extended for further periods of 5 (five) years, unless terminated in terms of sub-Article 2;
2. This MOU may be terminated by either Side by giving at least 6 (six) months written notice to the other Side;
3. The termination of this MOU will not affect the validity of any arrangements or activities already made or commenced under this MOU, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Sides in writing.

Done in Nanjing, on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017, in duplicate in the English language, both copies being equally authentic.



**FOR THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**



**FOR THE JIANGSU ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION DEPARTMENT**