

Government Resolution No. 4021 of July 23, 2018

4021. Advancing Israeli Activity in the Field of International Development

It is hereby resolved,

Further to the government's policy to strengthen Israel's political and economic ties with target countries and markets in which gaps have been identified in realizing the potential for trade and cooperation, following Government Resolutions No. 1604 of May 18, 2014, No. 1687 of June 5, 2014, No. 1585 of June 26, 2016, and No. 2783 of June 25, 2017, and in order to facilitate realizing the potential that lies in international development for strengthening Israel's economy and improving its political standing, and in order to expand the State of Israel's international role, to act as follows:

1. To appoint an inter-ministerial committee to advance and coordinate Israeli activity in the field of international development (hereinafter: the Committee), headed by the director general of the Prime Minister's Office, with the participation of the directors general of the following ministries and units, or their representatives:
 - a. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - b. Ministry of Economy and Industry
 - c. Budgets Department at the Ministry of Finance
 - d. General Accountant Department at the Ministry of Finance
 - e. Chief Economist Department at the Ministry of Finance
 - f. National Economic Council at the Prime Minister's Office
 - g. National Security Council at the Prime Minister's Office
 - h. Israel Innovation Authority
 - i. Ministry of Energy
 - j. Ministry of Health
 - k. Ministry of Environmental Protection
 - l. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
 - m. Israel National Cyber Directorate
 - n. Ministry of Public Security

2. The Committee's authorities:

- a. The Committee will formulate, within 120 days, a strategy for the field of international development, with the goal of strengthening Israel's economy and its political standing and to help international development efforts.
- b. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the government by the prime minister and the minister of finance.
- c. When formulating the strategy, the Committee will examine, *inter alia*, the following:
 - i. Tools to encourage the private sector in Israel to take part in international development in order to expand its potential market;
 - ii. Tools to encourage Israeli innovation for the unique needs of the developing world;
 - iii. Financing tools to increase the market potential of the Israeli private sector and to achieve the government's goals in the field of international development. The team will examine, *inter alia*, possibilities for combining private funding, public funding and funding from international bodies, tools to encourage private funding for international development projects and the possibility of establishing an Israeli development finance institution.
 - iv. Tools to bolster Israeli aid and its connections with the private and third sectors.
 - v. A mechanism for coordinating extra-governmental bodies that are relevant to international development.
- d. Setting priorities and coordinating governmental work in the field of international development. When doing so, the Committee will determine:
 - i. The Government of Israel's target countries in the field of international development.
 - ii. Areas in which Israel has a comparative advantage in the field of international development, with a focus on Israel's potential contribution to reaching the sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations.

- e. Setting measurable governmental targets for promoting Israeli activity in the field of international development and supervising the fulfilment of these targets.
- f. The Committee will be authorized to establish sub-committees for specific matters.
- g. The Committee or a sub-committee as mentioned in Article 2(f) above will be authorized to summon government representatives (including a representative from the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs) or relevant bodies that are not represented in the Committee to meetings that relate to the jurisdiction of these ministries or bodies.
- h. The Committee will be authorized to propose amendments to primary and secondary legislation and procedures, as needed.
- i. The government ministries represented in the Committee will report to the Committee once a year on their progress and their annual work plan in the field of international development.
- j. The Committee will report to the government once a year on the progress made by the government in the field of international development and the work plan for the following year.
- k. The Committee's work will take into consideration the State of Israel's international obligations.