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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

Arrangement between The Government of the State of Israel and

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning a Working Holiday Programme

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides")

- emphasize their common desire to promote closer cooperation between their countries;
- underscore their wish, in the interest of fostering mutual understanding between both countries, to make it easier for young nationals of the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany respectively to gain insights into culture and daily life in the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany respectively while simultaneously acquiring work experience:
- accordingly state their intention to take steps to enable young nationals of the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany respectively to make an extended trip to the Federal Republic of Germany or the State of Israel, as the case may be, and to permit them to take up employment on a casual basis in the State of Israel or the Federal Republic of Germany for the purpose of supplementing their funds for the trip or for the purpose of work-related further training.

and thus jointly declare:

1. The Sides state their willingness, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in the State of Israel and in the Federal Republic of Germany respectively, to issue multiple entry visas valid for working holidays in the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany respectively for a period of one year from the date of validity of the visa to nationals of the Federal Republic of Germany or the State of Israel, as the case may be, provided they

- (a) Are at least eighteen (18) and no more than thirty (30) years old at the time of applying for the visa, and fulfil the statutory requirements for such entry:
- (b) Are not accompanied by dependent family members (other than dependent family members in possession of a visa as specified above);
- (c) Are in possession of a German or Israeli passport valid for more than eighteen (18) months and a return airline ticket or can prove they have sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- (d) Have comprehensive accident and medical insurance for the duration of their stay which covers hospitalization and repatriation in the event of illness or death, and possess sufficient funds to cover their living expenses during the initial period of their stay, as determined by the responsible authorities at their discretion;
- (e) Comply with any health requirements imposed by the Sides;
- (f) Have paid the relevant visa application fee;
- (g) Intend primarily to holiday in Germany or Israel, as the case may be, and during their stay to take up employment temporarily to supplement their funds;
- (h) Have not already stayed in Israel or Germany, as the case may be, under this programme;
- (i) Provided there are no reasons for refusal under national law.
- 2. The German Side will issue working-holiday visas in accordance with its applicable law and regulations. The Israeli Side will issue working-holiday visas in accordance with a predetermined per annum quota as determined by the Government of the State of Israel, as well as with its applicable law and regulations. Any adjustment to the number of visas issued per annum will not be regarded as a formal adjustment to this Arrangement.

- 3. Israeli nationals may apply for a working holiday visa at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Tel Aviv or any other embassy or consulate-general of the Federal Republic of Germany in another country authorized to issue visas. Moreover, even if their stay is not a short stay. Israeli nationals may enter and remain in the Federal Republic of Germany without a visa. Israeli nationals should then obtain the necessary working holiday visa from the competent authorities in Germany no more than three months after entering the country and prior to taking up any employment.
- 4. German nationals may apply for a working holiday visa at the Embassy of the State of Israel in Berlin. They should obtain the necessary working holiday visa from the Israeli Embassy in Berlin before entering the State of Israel for their working holiday stay.
- 5. The Sides state their readiness to allow German and Israeli nationals who are in possession of a working holiday visa to remain in Israel or the Federal Republic of Germany, as the case may be, for a maximum of one (1) year from the date of validity of the working holiday visa and to pursue employment as an incidental activity during their holiday for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds. Such nationals may not engage in permanent employment during their stay.
- 6. Persons participating in the working holiday program may not work for the same employer for more than three (3) months during their stay. They may enrol in training or study courses not exceeding a total of six (6) months during their stay.
- 7. Both Sides emphasize that persons who stay in Israel or the Federal Republic of Germany, as the case may be, on a working holiday visa must respect the laws and regulations applicable in the State of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany respectively.
- 8. The two Sides reserve the option to refuse applications made under this programme for a working holiday visa.
- 9. Either Side may, consistent with its own laws and regulations, refuse the entry into its territory of any person who has been issued a visa pursuant to this Arrangement or

remove from its territory any person issued a visa pursuant to this Arrangement who has obtained entry into its territory whom it may consider undesirable.

- 10. Changes to this Arrangement may be made at any time in writing by mutual understanding following negotiations between the Sides, all in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph 14 below.
- 11. Either Side may, at any time, through diplomatic channels, request consultations on the provisions of this Arrangement. The other Side will respond to the request within 60 days. The Arrangement will be subject to a review if requested by both Sides.
- 12. Either Side may suspend or terminate this arrangement by giving at least three (3) months prior written notice to the other Side, through Diplomatic channels.
- Both Sides will endeavour to ensure that, notwithstanding the termination of cooper-13. ation under this Arrangement or individual parts thereof, any person who at the date of termination already holds a valid working holiday visa will be permitted to enter and/or remain in Israel or Germany, as the case may be, and to stay there in accordance with their visa until it expires.
- 14. Cooperation in accordance with this Arrangement will commence ninety (90) days from the date of the second Diplomatic Note by which the Sides notify each other that their internal legal procedures necessary for commencing cooperation in accordance with the Arrangement, have been complied with.

Signed in Jerusalem on February 25, 2014 that corresponds to the 25 of Adar I, 5774, in the Hebrew Calendar, in duplicate in the Hebrew. German and English languages, all texts being equivalent. In case of divergence the English text should be used.

For the Government

of the State of Israel

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of the Federal Republic of Germany