

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS**  
**IN THE FIELD OF POSTAL SERVICES**

The Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus hereinafter referred to as "the Parties":

Desiring to further develop their bilateral relations,

Recognizing that effective postal services are an important factor for promoting these relations, as well as for the economic and social development and welfare of the population of both countries,

Emphasizing their common interest in establishing closer cooperation in the field of postal services and based on their traditional good relations,

**Agree as follows:**

**Article 1**

The relations of the Parties in the field of Postal Services shall be established in accordance with the present Agreement, taking into account the provisions of their national legislation, of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and in the case of the Republic of Cyprus the *acquis communautaire*.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall permit the exchange of airmail and surface mail of the following services:

- a. Postal items including letters, postal cards, printed material, "M" bags, secograms and small packets;
- b. Ordinary postal parcels;
- c. Express airmail service (EMS).

The Parties may encourage entities in their states to develop additional postal services as appropriate.

### **Article 3**

The Parties shall inform each other through their competent authorities mentioned in Article 11, of the restrictions relating to the conditions of posting and delivery, and the contents of postal items.

### **Article 4**

The Parties shall endeavor to take all the necessary measures for the improvement of mail exchange and secure its safety.

### **Article 5**

The liability for the loss, theft or damage to the registered postal items and postal parcels in all cases shall be settled according to the Universal Postal Union Acts and the relevant contracts between the relevant entities engaged in the postal services.

### **Article 6**

The Parties shall promote the development of cooperation in the field of philately including the organization of philatelic exhibitions.

### **Article 7**

The Parties shall examine the joint development of additional joint services for the benefit of the customers in both countries and for the benefit of the postal operators in both countries.

### **Article 8**

For the implementation of the present Agreement, the Parties will:

- exchange information;
- conduct bilateral consultations;
- support missions of experts;
- establish working groups;
- exchange specialists;
- support training programs;
- engage in other forms of cooperation,

as appropriate and mutually agreed between the Parties.

### **Article 9**

For the implementation of the present Agreement each Party shall be responsible for its own expenses.

#### **Article 10**

The present Agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties resulting from international agreements with third countries, and in the case of the Republic of Cyprus shall not affect its rights and obligations under the *acquis communautaire*.

#### **Article 11**

- (1) The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of the present Protocol of Cooperation shall be:
  - In the Republic of Cyprus, the Ministry of Communications and Works, and
  - In the State of Israel, the Ministry of Communications.
- (2) Each Party shall designate a "point of contact", who shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this Agreement.
- (3) In case of any change relating to the competent authorities or the "points of contact", the Parties shall notify each other in due course.

#### **Article 12**

Any information acquired under this Agreement shall not be disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of both Parties.

#### **Article 13**

The Parties shall resolve all disputes arising from the interpretation and application of the present Agreement through direct consultations. If the dispute is not resolved, it shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

#### **Article 14**

For correspondence related to the implementation of the Present Agreement the Parties shall use the English language.

#### **Article 15**

Mutually agreed amendments or additions to the present Agreement can be made, following a written proposal by any Party. These amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the same procedure as the entering into force of this Agreement, as specified in Article 16.

### **Article 16**

- (1) The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date at which both Parties have notified each other, through diplomatic channels, that all internal procedures for its entry into force have been fulfilled.
- (2) The present Agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 years from its entry into force, and shall be automatically renewed for further periods of the same duration, unless either Party denies it in writing through diplomatic channels at least 6 months before the end of each 5-year period.

### **Article 17**

Upon the entry into force of this Agreement, all provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on Cooperation in the Field of Posts and Telecommunications, signed in Jerusalem on the 12 April, 1994, which refer to postal services, shall cease to have effect. In particular, Articles 3-9 of this previous Agreement shall become null and void.

### **Article 18**

This Agreement is done in two identical original copies, in the Greek, Hebrew and English Languages, in Jerusalem, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, 2011, which corresponds with the 8<sup>th</sup> of Adar Beit, 5771 in the Hebrew Calendar, each copy is equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**for the Government of the State  
of Israel**

**for the Government of the Republic  
of Cyprus**

