Joint Declaration
between
the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor
of the State of Israel
and
the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies
of the Italian Republic

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies of the Italian Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

emphasizing the importance of further consolidating the existing cooperation between the two Government Departments in the field of employment and social policies, also in consideration of the cooperation activities on the training and employment systems, within the framework of Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation;

considering that Italy has launched the "Italy 2020: Action Plan for Youth Employability";

have agreed as follows:

Article 1
Scope and purpose

The Parties undertake to engage in an exchange of national experiences and best practices in the field of active policies, to tackle the challenges of integrating youth into the labor market and long-term unemployment.
The priority themes for action are:

- the development of services to improve matching supply and demand in the job market and the targeted achievement of the employment needs of the labor market;

- the implementation of information systems to identify the main trends in the professions required by the labor market, to help guide employment offers and training activities;
- stimulating technical and vocational education to establish closer links between businesses and the labor market, with a view to fostering, in particular, the integration of persons seeking work for more than 12 months, or 6 months, if younger;
- the promotion and implementation of special programmes and experiments for target groups, particularly aimed at the labor market integration/reintegration of adults seeking employment;
- managing the transition from inactivity to activity.

Article 2

Visits, meetings, seminars and experimentations

The Parties will identify issues of common interest and organize study visits, seminars and workshops, at both institutional and scientific level, to the benefit of the operators and the other people involved in this Declaration, also on the basis of specific projects, in which the contents, responsibilities and costs will be defined.

Article 3

Financial matters

Collaboration shall be supported by the Parties through the use of their own resources, as compatible with available cooperation funds, and shall in no way be financially binding. All proposed activities shall be in line with this Declaration.

Article 4

Term and validity

This Declaration shall enter into effect from the date of signature and shall be valid for a period of two years.

This Declaration is signed in two originals; each in Italian and in English. In the event of difference of interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor of the State of Israel	**For the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies of the Italian Republic**