MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND

SANITATION

OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY

OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

On

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR WATER CONSERVATION IN INDIA

The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel, (hereinafter referred to as the 'Sides);

CONSIDERING their common interest in the economic and social development of their peoples, and desiring to promote and foster bilateral technical Cooperation between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of India, signed on December 30, 1996;

Recalling mutual discussions between both Sides with a view to enhancing cooperation in the implementation of a national campaign on water conservation in India;

Recognizing that mutual cooperation between the Sides on various aspects of the Water Conservation campaign will benefit the Sides in conserving water for future generations;

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Have reached the following understanding:

Article I

The Sides intend to enhance cooperation at the national, regional and international levels to design, implement, and monitor a professionally designed national water conservation campaign in India. The Sides agree to jointly work on the water conservation campaign to achieve the following objectives:

- Put water conservation on to the national agenda in India
- 2. Encouraging every citizen to save water in everyday life
- Development of 'Respect for Water' in the population of India; internalizing in the minds of the citizens that water requires conservation
- Generating awareness about water in the earliest grades in Schools, and ensuring that the principle of Water Conservation becomes ingrained in Children
- 5. Promoting Reuse, Recharge and Recycling of water
- Development of digital tools such as websites, mobile applications to continuously engage with the public on the subject of water conservation

The Sides shall make efforts to share expertise in the areas mutually agreed upon, including best practices in water conservation, design and implementation of an Information Education Communication (IEC) campaign focused on water conservation, adoption of new technologies for water conservation, and promotion of water efficient crops.

Article II

The Sides encourage the exchange of experts, sharing of best practices, organization of training programs, study tours and other such activities including demonstrative pilot studies, in order to build capacities in the areas referred to in Article I.

The Sides will do their utmost to promote cooperation within the framework of joint activities mentioned in Article I through a work plan to be drawn up by mutual consent.

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Article III

The Sides will promote the scheduling of regular meetings and consultations in order to further the implementation of this MOU. (Joint Working Group).

Article IV

Any activities carried out pursuant to this MOU shall be done in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures of the Sides.

Article V

Any activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU shall be subject to the availability of funds. The Sides are under no obligation to allocate funds.

Article VI

Any differences concerning the interpretation of application of this MOU should be settled amicably through negotiations and consultations between the Sides.

Article VII

This MOU may be modified by mutual written consent of the Sides.

Article VIII

- i. This MOU shall come into effect on the day of its signing and remain in effect for a period of two years; thereafter it shall automatically be extended for subsequent periods of two years at a time, unless either of the Sides gives to the other a written notice six months in advance of its intention to terminate it.
- ii. The termination of this MOU shall not affect any programs and activities undertaken prior to the termination of this MOU, unless otherwise agreed to by the Sides.

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In WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned being duly authorised by the respective Governments, have signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at <u>Jerusalem</u> on this <u>sth</u> day of July 2017, corresponding to the Hebrew date of day of Tamuz, 5777 in two original copies, each in the English language, both texts equally authentic.

(Parameswaran lyer)

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Government of the State of

Israel