

Rules of the France-Israel High Council for Scientific and Technological Cooperation

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Article 1 – Title

- 1 – The High Council shall be known as the France-Israel High Council for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (*Haut Conseil Franco-Israélien pour la Recherche et la coopération scientifique et Technologique*), or “High Council”.

Article 2 – Statement of Purpose

- 2.1 – The purpose of the High Council is to promote French and Israeli scientific and technological cooperation, to define priorities and to coordinate programs, joint projects and other forms of cooperation.
- 2.2 – The High Council shall conduct its activities in accordance with the respective research policies of each country and within their budgetary framework for scientific and technological cooperation.

Article 3 – Members and Memberships

- 3.1 – An equal number of representatives from each country, including senior scientists as well as management personnel of the relevant ministries from both countries, will be appointed as members or observers to the High Council.

3.2 – The Co-Presidents

- 3.2.1 – The French Co-President will be appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Research. The Israeli Co-President will be appointed by the Minister of Science and Technology.
- 3.2.2 – The Co-Presidents are appointed for a three-year term. At the end of the very first term, the term of one of the Co-Presidents will be extraordinarily extended for a single additional year, in order to alternate their renewal thereafter.
- 3.2.3 – The three-year term may be extended only once, for an additional term.

3.3 – The Honorary Scientific Members

- 3.3.1 – The French Honorary Scientific Member will be appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Research. The Israeli Honorary Scientific Member will be appointed by the Minister of Science and Technology.
- 3.3.2 – The Honorary Scientific Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- 3.3.3 – The three-year term may be extended once.
- 3.3.4 – In the event that an Honorary Scientific Member cannot attend a meeting, a substitute member may be appointed by the relevant Ministry for this meeting.

3.4 – Other Members and Observers

3.4.1 – The list of additional Members and Observers is as follows :

French Side :

- Le Directeur pour la Coopération Scientifique et la Recherche Universitaire, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères
- Le Directeur des Relations Internationales et la Coopération, Ministère de l'Education et de la Recherche
- Le Directeur de la Recherche au Ministère de la Recherche
- L'Attaché pour la Science et la Technologie de l'Ambassade de France en Israël
- Le Sous-Directeur de la Direction Générale de l'Industrie, des Technologies de l'Information et des Postes, Ministère de l'Industrie (Observer)
- Chef de la Mission Economique de l'Ambassade de France en Israël (Observer)

Israeli Side :

- The Coordinator for Cultural and Scientific Agreement Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The Director for International Scientific Relations, Ministry of Science and Technology, General Secretary of High Council
- The Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Science and Technology
- The Economic and Scientific Counsellor of the Israeli Embassy in France
- The Deputy Chief Scientist, Ministry of Industry Trade and Labor (Observer)
- The Coordinator, Department of Macroeconomics, Ministry of Finance (Observer)

3.4.2 – These Members and Observers are *ex officio*. The membership of an *ex officio* member or observer ends when that individual resigns the position.

3.4.3 – When an *ex officio* member cannot attend a meeting, a substitute will be appointed by the relevant Ministries.

Article 4 – Meeting of the High Council

4.1 – The High Council convenes annually, in France and in Israel, on an alternate basis.

4.2 – The High Council is co-chaired by the two Co-Presidents.

4.3 – The meeting agenda is prepared by the Co-President of the hosting country and is subject to the approval of the other Co-President.

4.4 – Any member of the High Council may place an item on the agenda.

4.5 – The travel and accommodation costs of the High Council members for the annual meetings are financed by their ministries.

Article 5 – General Secretary

5.1 – The Attaché for Science and Technology at the French Embassy in Israel, and the Director for International Scientific Relations at the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology, shall serve as General Secretaries of the High Council.

5.2 – The role of the General Secretaries is to assist the Co-Presidents in all operational matters related to the High Council.

Article 6 – Scientific Committee

- 6.1 – In order to coordinate and monitor programs, the High Council is assisted by a Scientific Committee.
- 6.2 – The Scientific Committee is composed of scientists recommended by the High Council, in accordance with the programs in course and appointed by the relevant Ministries.
- 6.3 – The membership term of these appointees terminates upon the completion of the program they are responsible for.
- 6.4 – The Scientific Committee defines the Call for Proposals for each program, proceeds to the selection of projects and evaluates the outcome of the projects. The Scientific Committee reports to the High Council for deliberation and decision making.
- 6.5 – The activities of the Scientific Committee are supervised by an Executive Sub-Committee of the High Council, composed of the two Co-Presidents, the two Scientific Honorary Members and the two General Secretaries of the High Council.

Article 7 – Amending the Rules of the High Council

- 7 – The High Council may amend its rules by consensus.