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Greetings by the President of the State of Israel Shimon Peres
to the United States - Israel
Binational Science Foundation

As we stand poised on the 60th anniversary of Israel's independence, it is only appropriate that we reflect on our past achievements and consider the challenges ahead.

From its inception, the promotion of scientific research had been one of Israel's major goals, and indeed the advances made in this domain have been major. The partnership struck between the scientific communities of the United States and Israel has served to boost a fertile cooperation between the best researchers in both our countries, and provided Israel's scientists with the opportunity to excel in their field.

Yet we cannot rest on our laurels. The support of the United States - Israel Binational Science Foundation has not only been a valuable factor in the important scientific developments achieved at the present time, but will also prepare the next generation of U.S. and Israeli scientists for a leadership role in our global tomorrow.

I hope U.S. - Israeli scientific collaboration will continue for many more years to come, for the benefit of us all, and wish the U.S. - Israel Binational Foundation much success in its future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Shimon Peres'.

Shimon Peres