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***Communiqué***  
***issued at the end of the official visit of***  
***H.E.Mr. Faure Essozimna***  
***GNASSINGBE, President of the Republic of Togo in***  
***Israel***

Jerusalem on 10 August 2016

- 1- Within the framework of cooperation relations that unite Israel and Togo and at the invitation of H.E.Mr. Benyamin Benjamin NETANYAHOU, Prime Minister of Israel, H. E. Mr. Faure Essozimm GNASSINGBE, President of the Republic of Togo paid a friendship and work visit in Israel from 7 to 11 August 2016.
- 2- During this visit, the Prime Minister Benyamin Benjamin NETANYAHOU and Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE, President of the Republic of Togo had a deepen exchange of views on issues of mutual interest of bilateral and multilateral order.
- 3- On the bilateral front, the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the Republic of Togo welcomed the excellent fruitful relations of friendship and cooperation between Togo and Israel since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. They understand, in accordance with the principle of privileged relations, to increase their mutual trust and to extend their cooperation to other fields in order to lift high the traditional relations between the two countries.
- 4- The Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the Republic of Togo are further convinced of the extraordinary potential of Israeli-Togolese economic cooperation and expressed their determination to work together for their strengthening particularly in the areas of agriculture, public health, education and higher education, technological sciences, digital economy, community development, security, social defense and promotion and integration of women in the development process.
- 5- At the Regional level, the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the Republic of Togo agreed on the organization of an Israeli-African summit on "security and development" in Lomé in order to strengthen cooperation ties between Israel and Africa.**
- 6- Regarding the international situation, the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the Republic of Togo expressed their deep concern at the upsurge of terrorist acts and the persistence of crises that threaten peace, security, stability and development in the world.
- 7- In this regard they reaffirmed their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and called for coordinated efforts and the pursuit of international cooperation to defeat this scourge.

- 8- Referring to the forthcoming Extraordinary Conference of Heads of State and Government of the African Union on the security and maritime safety and development in Africa, the Prime Minister of Israel appreciated the efforts of Togo in the peacekeeping field and in the organization of this conference. In this regard, he expressed his strong wish for the success of this meeting and pleaded that the concerned parties should work in good faith with a view of adoption and signature of Lomé charter on maritime safety and security.
- 9- At the end of his visit, H. E. Mr. Faure Essozimna GNASSINGBE expressed to his Brother and Friend Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to the President Reuven Rivlin, to the government and the Israeli people his sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the warm and brotherly welcome which was reserved for him as well as his delegation and invited his counterpart to pay a visit to the Republic of Togo.
- 10- The Prime Minister of Israel has accepted the invitation and its procedures will be decided through diplomatic channels.

Done in Jerusalem on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016