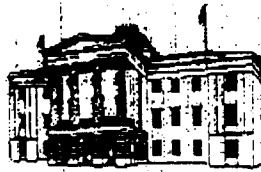


State of North Carolina



JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

THE NORTH CAROLINA-ISRAEL COOPERATION COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT

Recognizing the advancements in technology, manufacturing, agriculture, the arts and the humanities that have occurred over recent years in North Carolina and Israel, and realizing that cooperation in these areas in both the public and private sectors of the two countries will create jobs and economic growth in both.

The undersigned hereby express their intention to establish the North Carolina-Israel Cooperation Committee (hereinafter " the Committee ").

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVES

The Committee will seek to enhance the technological and research development infrastructure, and increase cultural awareness-promoting a deeper understanding of shared values through the arts, humanities and education. The Committee will have the following objectives:

- a. To promote cooperation through university, government and industry alliances;
- b. To identify key technology needs in North Carolina that could be supplemented by cooperation with Israel, such as biotechnology, microelectronics, agricultural technology, medical research, etc.;
- c. To gain reciprocal understanding of "emerging technologies" being produced in Israel and North Carolina and to keep North Carolina fully

apprised of global developments in key areas such as health care and information technologies, etc.;

- d. To increase cultural awareness and understanding of shared values through the arts, humanities and education-promoting academic and student exchanges and enhancing the quality of life in North Carolina through cultural exchanges;
- e. To facilitate BIRD, BARD and BSF foundation and other grant monies for joint research and development between North Carolina and Israeli companies and academic institutions;
- f. To provide small businesses with the vehicle support for export and research and development;
- g. To identify present and future import needs in Israel and North Carolina, and ways in which both sides can meet each others' needs;
- h. To identify existing private-sector cooperation between North Carolina and Israel and search for ways in which Israeli and North Carolina companies, through strategic alliances, can meet each other's future needs in technology, R & D, marketing and manufacturing;

ARTICLE II STRUCTURE

1. The Committee will consist of three working groups: Economic Development, Arts, Culture & Education; and University & Industrial Alliances.
2. The Committee will be co-chaired by persons from the public and private sector. These representatives from North Carolina will work closely with counterparts in Israel and with Israeli representatives in the United States.
3. The Committee will meet twice a year, or as otherwise agreed upon.
4. The Committee co-chairs may establish new working groups to assist in the work of the Committee. The Committee co-chairs may, as appropriate, invite other government agencies to participate in working groups or in the activities of the Committee.

**ARTICLE III
RESPONSIBILITIES**

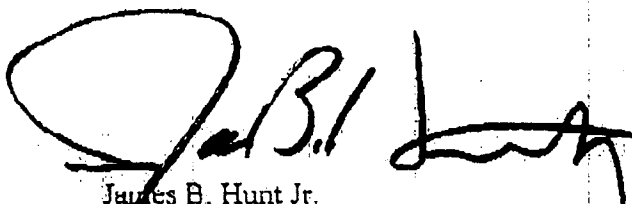
The Committee may, with regard to the objectives specified in Article I:

- a. Make recommendations to promote cooperation in the areas identified in Article I;
- b. Make recommendations to promote, as appropriate, the transfer and trade of goods and services, etc.,--with the goal of increasing technological and other economic cooperation between North Carolina and Israel;
- c. Make recommendations for the undertaking of private sector studies through appropriate government authorities, as well as invite studies in North Carolina and Israel, to promote the objectives specified in Article I;
- d. Invite and review reports on high technology cooperation from the Binational Science Foundation, the Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation, the US-Israel Science and Technology Commission, and on activities of government agencies and departments.

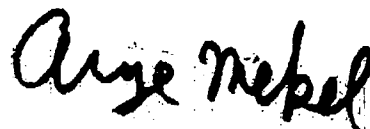
**ARTICLE IV
DURATION**

This Memorandum of Intent will remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of signature, or until such date as otherwise agreed upon.

DONE in duplicate at Raleigh, North Carolina, the 28th day of April, 1991.



James B. Hunt Jr.
Governor of North Carolina



Arye Mekel
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