



## Memorandum of Understanding

### To Promote Sustainable Development at the Southern Shores of the Dead Sea Safi Municipality, Jordan – Tamar Regional Council, Israel

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2007, the Jordanian Mayor of Safi Municipality and the Israeli Mayor of Tamar Regional Council have signed this memorandum of understanding in recognition of the need for cooperation to promote sustainable development at the southern shores of the Dead Sea.

The Dead Sea area is facing an ecological disaster due to the dramatic decline in its water level and the resulting occurrence of sinkholes threatening the very existence of the communities living by its shores. Tourism and agriculture are the sources of livelihood for the residents around the Dead Sea and the municipalities will cooperate to find solutions to the common problems they face.

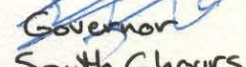
Today, the Mayors of both communities are determined to:

- Implement a concrete solution to the fly problem caused by poor agricultural practices.
- Develop a cross border Peace Park at the springs near the southern most point of the Dead Sea.
- Advocate the opening of a new border crossing to promote sustainable tourism and trade.

The Mayors declare their commitment to lead the call to rehabilitate the Dead Sea both locally and internationally, including by registering the Dead Sea with UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

The Mayors support the role of EcoPeace/Friends of the Earth Middle East in help paving the way for good neighborly relations based on peace and environment.

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