

## JOINT DECLARATION

on

Scientific Cooperation in Agriculture

between

the Minister of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies of Italy

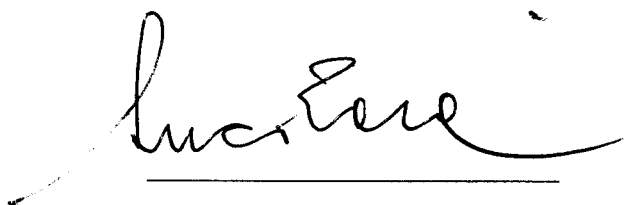
and

the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel

1. Both Ministers affirm their interest to increase and expand cooperation in agriculture and agro-food sectors.
2. The two Ministers have agreed that establishing cooperation in the field of agricultural will be beneficial for both countries.
3. The two Ministers, in pursuance of the present Declaration, stress the importance of promoting an Agreement on cooperation in the field of agriculture, which will include bilateral R&D in the field of agriculture, and a Working Program in the field of agricultural science.
4. The Minister of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies of Italy will entrust the Head of Agriculture Research Office and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel will entrust the Chief Scientist of the Ministry to be both the future contact points for all aspects of bilateral R&D activities.

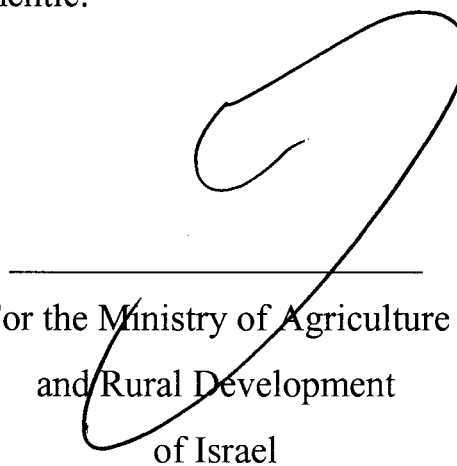
5. The Ministers, also declare that following the signature of an agreement, all bilateral R&D programs in the field of agriculture will be financed by each Ministry, according to the allocated budget and following the respective national research rules.
6. Both Parties shall provide, whenever necessary, support in the implementation of the arrangements negotiated in the present Declaration.

Signed in Rome on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 in two original copies in English language each of them being equally authentic.



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