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Dear Excellerry,

- 1. As the Excellency is aware, the National Defence College is a prestigious and world renowned institute of strategic studies functioning directly under our Ministry of Defence. NDC conducts a one year course on National Security & Strategic Studies for select officers of the rank of Brigadier & equivalent of the Indian Armed Forces, Joint Secretary and equivalent rank from the civil services & 25 officers from the Friendly Foreign Countries, making a total strength of 100 officers.
- 2. As part of the curriculum NDC undertakes a study tour of India's Strategic Neighbourhood for which the course is divided into seven groups with a mix of officers from Indian Armed Forces, Civil Services & officers from Friendly Foreign Countries. One such group consisting of 15-16 officers led by a Senior Directing Staff of the rank of Major General & equivalent would be visiting Israel from 27 Aug to 29 Aug 2018. 'In Principle' approval from Ministry of Defence has already been obtained.
- 3. The purpose of this tour is to acquaint the officers with firsthand knowledge of the capability and achievements of the country being visited with regard to socio-political, economic, foreign policy and security issues. You will appreciate that the emphasis is not on Defence issues alone. The primary aim is to gain a complete understanding of the socio-economic development, political/government structure, international relations and military capabilities of the nation being visited in the context of current global environment and changing perspectives through an exchange of views with senior civil and military dignitaries of the countries being visited.

- 4. The general practice has been for the team as a whole to call on some of the following dignitaries depending upon their convenience:-
 - (a) Head of State/Head of Government.
 - (b) Minister of Defence.
 - (c) Minister/Secretary of Finance and Economic affairs/Planning Commission.
 - (d) Minister of Foreign Affairs.
 - (e) Service Chiefs and other senior military dignitaries as appropriate.
- 5. In addition to the meetings with dignitaries, visits to some premier institutions/establishments related to national economy, governance, foreign policy, security studies etc as also some civil and military institutes may be included.
- 6. The list is only indicative and may be suitably modified keeping in view the local conditions. Apart from the official programme of calls and discussions, the group may be given a glimpse of the economic, social and cultural life of the country. I shall be grateful if a briefing could be conducted for the group prior to their departure.
- 7. May I also request that an officer from your mission be nominated with whom the NDC representative could liaise for coordinating the visit and facilitating the visa process.

hlith warm regards

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