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Dear Maj. Gen. Edelstein,

We are delighted to personally invite you to the **Seventh Germany-Israel Strategic Forum**, which will take place in the **German Federal Ministry of Defense** in **Berlin, Germany** on **December 10-11, 2019**.

The event is jointly organized by the **Forum of Strategic Dialogue** (FSD: www.f-sd.eu), the **European Leadership Network** (ELNET: www.elnetwork.eu), and the **Federal Academy for Security Policy** (BAKS: www.baks.bund.de). This year, the **German Federal Ministry of Defence** is, once again, a partner and will host the Forum at their premises. In addition, we look forward to the keynote addresses of **Thomas Silberhorn**, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Defence; **Amb. Dr. Christian Buck**, Director Middle East and North Africa, German Federal Foreign Office; and **Maj. Gen. Jürgen Setzer**, Chief Information Security Office, German Federal Armed Forces. We also welcome a **new partner**, the **Konrad Adenauer Foundation** (KAS: <https://www.kas.de/>). As part of the program, we will visit the **Bundeswehr Cyber Innovation Hub**.

The FSD conducts Strategic Dialogues with Germany, France, the UK, Spain Poland and the EU on an annual basis, is cooperating with NATO, and has gained reputation as a unique forum for frank, deep and significant strategic discussions between professionals and decision-makers. All discussions are held under the **'Chatham House rule'** and remain entirely discrete.

The model of the annual Germany-Israel Strategic Forum has proven its success as a platform for informal consultations, allowing for out-of-the-box problem-solving thinking beyond the constraints of formal intergovernmental relations. As in the previous years, there will be around 30 participants from Germany and Israel (15 from each side). These will include senior figures from the ministries of foreign affairs and defence as well as leading members of parliament, experts, and public opinion leaders.

Participants are expected to arrive in Berlin on **Tuesday, December 10**, and attend all sessions throughout the entire Forum. We will organize all the logistical aspects of the visit and cover transportation and accommodation.

Please find enclosed the tentative list of topics and invitees and a draft program overview. A detailed program and administrative details will be sent in due course.

We very much hope you will consider participating in this unique event. Please save the date, and reply to FSD Deputy Director Pascaline Wagemans (03 919 9505; pwagemans@f-sd.eu) to indicate your availability. We are looking forward to hearing from you by November 21, 2019.

Sincerely,

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