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**For The Attention Of:**

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Major Mccormick,

In the past couple of years, the relations between NATO and the State of Istael and the IDF in particular has grown and developed – slowly, but maturely. The IDF CHOD participation in the CHOD Conference and the MD Forum is the peak of our relationship, along with numerous exercises and other engagements.

In January 2020, while on tour in Europe, MG YACOV BENGO, Head of the IDF TRADOC Division (J7) and Commanding General of the Northern Corps, has requested to pay a visit to NATO SHAPE HQ.

The purpose of this visit is to continue flourishing the relationship between NATO and Israel and to provide a strategic and operational brief, thus enhancing the understanding of the current challenges and threats Israel is facing these days.

Moreover, MG Bengo would like to have a professional discussion and explore venues for cooperation opportunities between NATO and the IDF TRADOC Division.

I look forward to coordination this engagement with you, your staff and our liaison team in Brussels.

All the best,

Major Benzi Zimmerman,

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