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**Subject:** O/S: UK/Israel strategic dialogue

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[REDACTED].

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Four areas that are worth probing on Monday:

- i) US/Russia/Turkey/Egypt: [REDACTED];
- ii) The Arabs: [REDACTED][REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- iii) The EU: [REDACTED]
- iv) Conditions on the ground: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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*'The British Embassy promotes Britain's security, prosperity and well-being, and regional peace, through partnership with Israel'*

## EU / ISRAEL

The European Union and Israel share a long common history, marked by growing interdependence and cooperation. Israeli political, industrial, commercial and scientific leaders maintain close links to Europe. Over five decades of trade, cultural exchanges, political cooperation and a developed system of agreements have cemented these relations.

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Many people, and certainly most serious commentators, know that the reality is much more complex (e.g. one-third of Israel's trade being with the EU; and the Horizon 2020 Programme provides Israeli researchers, universities and companies with full access to nearly 80 billion Euros of funding available over 7 years). [REDACTED]

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### Update

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Separately on 12 February, Mogherini convened a meeting of the Quartet on the sidelines of the Munich security conference, where they expressed "serious concern" at the ongoing violence in Israel and the OPTs.

Mogherini also said that "We have decided to immediately work together on a report, which will include recommendations for relaunching the two-State perspective," in conjunction "with the main regional actors." Channel Ten said that Netanyahu's office denied knowledge of such a report.

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## UK-ISRAEL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

### Summary

**Holding the FCO/MFA dialogue at PUS level in itself sent a positive message to the Israelis, but the discussion also covered a lot of substance. [REDACTED] Both sides agreed a package of deliverables, focussed on further co-operation across a full spectrum of gov-gov matters. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] the dialogue was constructive [REDACTED].**

### Detail

1. On 22 February, the PUS hosted the UK-Israel strategic dialogue at 1 Carlton Gardens. UK attendees included Director Political, DNSA, Director MENAD, HMA Tel Aviv, Director Strategy and several officials from NED. Dore Gold, Director General of the Israeli MFA, led a delegation of his Deputy Director General, the Head of the Foreign Minister's Cabinet and the Israeli Embassy's Chargé d'Affaires and Spokesperson.
2. The PUS noted the (long overdue) dialogue as important to both sides and altered the agenda to begin with a discussion of the previous day's announcement on the **UK/EU referendum** – the most important decision about the UK's place in the world in his 33 ½ year diplomatic career. Gold called this an internal matter which they would watch with interest.
3. Director Strategy outlined **global trends**, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

### Regional

4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED].
6. [REDACTED].

7. [REDACTED].

8. [REDACTED].

#### Bilateral

9. HMA Tel Aviv noted the **deliverables**. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED].

11. [REDACTED].

12. [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED].

13. [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED].

14. [REDACTED].

15. [REDACTED].

16. [REDACTED].

17. [REDACTED].

18. [REDACTED].

#### MEPP

19. [REDACTED].

20. [REDACTED].  
[REDACTED].

21. Gold was dismissive of France's proposal for an international conference, saying it didn't bring us closer to peace. He noted that the big breakthroughs had, historically, been achieved bilaterally.

22. [REDACTED].

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