



State of Israel
Ministry of National Infrastructures

Declaration on Support of the CSP Global Market Initiative

The Ministry of National Infrastructures of the State of Israel strongly supports the Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) Global Market Initiative (GMI), aimed at realizing the erection of 5,000 MW_e of CSP worldwide over the next ten years.

A resolution adopted by the Israeli Government in November 2002 requires that at least 2% of total electric energy in Israel be generated from renewable sources by 2007, rising to 5% by 2016. Within the framework of this resolution, I have mandated the inclusion of a 100 MW_e CSP parabolic-trough power plant into the development plan of the national electricity system by 2010. Feed-in tariffs soon to be approved by the Public Utility Authority will be instrumental in facilitating the construction of such a plant by the private sector.

The National Council for Planning and Construction has recently approved the site for the above solar power plant in the Negev desert; the site will allow for an expansion up to 500 MW_e in the future.

The new Energy Master Plan that will be soon adopted by my Ministry recognizes the considerable potential value of solar energy to our economy. Israeli technology and entrepreneurship have allowed erection of the world's only commercial solar thermal power plants so far.

The Israeli Government also strongly supports solar energy as a means of expanding cooperation with its neighbors, through joint energy projects.

Joseph Paritzky
Minister of National Infrastructures

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Paritzky', with a stylized flourish at the end.