**Africa-Israel summit postponed**

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Following the request of the President of Togo and after mutual consultations with the Prime Minister, it has been decided to postpone the holding of the Africa-Israel summit, which was due to take place in Lomé in October, to a mutually agreed upon date.​​​

The President of Togo has emphasized that elaborate preparations are needed in order to guarantee the success of the event.

The Togolese President thanked and praised the Prime Minister for his determination to strengthen the cooperation between his country and Israel as well as for his personal engagement to guarantee the initiative to hold the summit. He also emphasized that this event aims to unite the efforts undertaken against the threat on peace and security, which undermines stability and slows down the development of the continent.

In the near future, Israel will hold consultations in Africa, both on the bilateral level as well as in regional gatherings and fora on the continent in order to guarantee the full success of the summit.

Israel is fully committed to continue its efforts vis a vis the African continent as it has been doing during these last years, as demonstrated by the visit of the Prime Minister in the summer of 2016 to Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda an Ethiopia as well as his participation as a guest of honor in the ECOWAS Summit in Liberia in June 2017.

Israel believes that the African countries and Israel can only benefit from the continuation of practical cooperation between the two sides, and this in important areas such as water, agriculture, health and technology.