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**Letter from Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon to
South African Defence Minister Magnus Malan**

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Summary:

Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon writes to South African Defence Minister Magnus Malan to thank him for his hospitality while Sharon was visiting South Africa. He extends an invitation for Malan to visit Israel and hopes he will be able to sign a Memorandum of Understanding when he next visits South African in March 1982.

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The Minister of Defence of
the State of Israel

to

General M.A. de MALAN,
The Defence Minister of the
Republic of South Africa (R.S.A.)

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Dear Colleague,

I have just returned to Israel following the visit to your country. I want to thank you again for the warm reception and kind hospitality which you extended to my wife, to me and to the delegation I headed.

I am certain that the relationship between us will deepen as we work to ensure the National Defence of both our countries.

I am very pleased to extend my invitation to you to visit Israel with your wife at a mutually convenient time in the next future.

I suggest to extend my next visit to R.S.A. on mid March 1982 and I hope that on this occasion we shall be able to sign the "Memorandum of Understanding on fields of Strategic Cooperation".

I am pleased to attach here the new draft which is based on our discussions together.

Furthermore I authorized already General Raphael Eitan, the Chief of General Staff to pay a visit to your country on mid February 1982.

Sincerely yours,
ARIEL SHARON
MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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