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PRESS RELEASE

The Israeli Voice Index

58% of Israelis think that signing a peace agreement with the Palestinians will improve Israel's international status – only 30% think unilateral withdrawal will do the same

May 26, 2019 – The **Israeli Voice Index**, published today by the Guttman Center at the Israel Democracy Institute, finds that the 58% of Israelis think that signing a peace agreement will positively contribute to Israel's international status; 56% think that if Israel would withdraw unilaterally from the West Bank it would NOT improve Israel's international status; and 51.5% think that the BDS is only moderately successful in damaging Israel's international status.

Main Findings:

Comprehensive Peace Agreement & Unilateral Withdrawal: should a comprehensive peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians be signed, the majority of Israelis (58%) think that this would improve Israel's international status. However only 30.5% think that if Israel were to withdraw from the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) – it would improve Israel's international status.

Israel and BDS: 62% of Israelis rate Israel's international status is "good", and 56.5% believe think that it has improved over the past decade. As for BDS activities - around half of the Israeli public (51.5%) think that the BDS is only moderately successful in damaging Israel's international status.

Friendliest Countries: when asked which countries are friendliest to Israel, 95% of the Israeli public responded that the United States is most friendly to Israel, followed by India (62%) and Germany (58%). Only 22% of the Israeli public thinks that Egypt is friendly. On the list of countries that are neither friendly nor hostile, we find Britain (33%) and Russia (38%). As for China - 50% of the the Israeli public thinks that it is friendly towards Israel, and 43% think that it is neither friendly nor hostile.

The Israeli Voice Index is a project of the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research of the Israel Democracy Institute. In the survey, which was conducted on the internet and by telephone (the latter—to supplement the representation of groups that are not represented proportionally on the network) on May 20-22, 2019. 586 men and women were interviewed in Hebrew and 105 in Arabic, constituting a representative national sample of the entire adult population of Israel aged 18 and older. The maximum sampling error for the entire sample was $\pm 3.7\%$ at a confidence level of 95%. The fieldwork was conducted by the Rafi Smith Institute. For the full data file see: <https://dataisrael.idi.org.il/>