

Att: Knesset Parliament Members and Decisions Makers

Dear Madam/Sir,

We proudly present the following folder, which bounds basic information about climate crisis and ways to cope with it in national and international contexts. Leading world renowned scientists find global climate change is an actual, significant phenomenon. Climate change has many impacts on our lives today, which are predicted to become more and more substantial in the future. The whole world is preparing to cope with climate change by efforts to reduce GHG emissions, which cause the global warming process. By reducing GHG emissions, we may prevent climate impacts on infrastructures, economies, social systems, security structures and the most extreme environmental changes. At the same time, considerable efforts are directed to prepare and adapt to the upcoming impacts of climate change.

FoEME and other environmental organizations in Israel have been active in the national and international arena for years. Working to promote Israel's preparation to cope with the climate crisis, and position Israel as a vital factor in the international process to reduce emissions, as part of a future post-Kyoto protocol agreement to be drafted in 2012. Through this activity, and assisted by the Heinrich Böll fund, FOEME saw fit to present this informative folder about climate change.

We gathered the data in this folder in order to better understand the climate crisis and acquaint with ways to cope with it. The folder clarifies key terms and refers to further information sources for scientific, economic and political aspects. The information presented may be used to assist you plan and asses processes, law proposals and relevant political solutions. We do not intend to cover all relevant information, though we believe this folder presents an opportunity for decisions makers in Israel to better understand – and cope better - with climate change. The information presented here is also available in the FoEME website, with links and references to further readings:

www.foeme.org/projects/climate

It's time to dig in and promote coping with climate change in Israel. We will be happy to assist.

Sincerely.

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Friends of Earth Middle East is an Israeli – Palestinian - Jordanian organization, which promotes common environmental issues, whilst encouraging peaceful relations between the nations. FoEME is part of the international ‘Friends of Earth’, the largest network of environmental organizations. TIME Magazine crowned ‘Friends of Earth’ managers as global environment heroes in 2008.

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