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Dear Sir,

Please note that from the Israeli standpoint, the following points should be mentioned:

- First, all of the deliberations of the Conference, as well as the action points in the Declaration, are in line with Israel's official arms control policies. Dr. Ariel Levite and I have been intimately involved in the shaping of Israel's position in the matter, and Dr. Levite is doing so as authoritatively as it can be.
- Secondly, the subject of Israel was hardly mentioned at all at the Conference and in the draft Declaration. From Israel's point of view, the main action points concerned Iran, and as one can see, the language on Iran in the Declaration is in the strongest possible terms.
- Thirdly, needless to say, at no point was there any mention made of disarming Israel in any way, shape or form. Rumors to that effect in the press must have originated with sources that neither attended the conference, nor are professionally familiar with the issues.
- Fourth, both Dr. Levite and I were acquainted with over half of the participants from previous professional gatherings. The very friendly setting was conducive to the advancement of Israel's positions at the Conference, rather than the other way around.
- Fifth, actually, the fact that the Conference took place in Luxembourg, was a plus. The fact that it was attended by representatives from states that have good relations with Israel, and that, most importantly, it was held under the auspices of a Jewish Foundation – all made it quite advantageous to Israel in more ways than one.



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