6. In order to promote the technological leadership of the Israeli high-tech industry and ensure the technological and security soundness of the State of Israel over time, and in light of the strategic importance of advancing the fields of artificial intelligence and data science for the continued growth of the economy, enhancement of productivity and efficiency of the public sector in particular:

A. In order to support the development of artificial intelligence technology, assign to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology to lead the Government's policy in the field of artificial intelligence in the areas of regulation, information and data policy, ethics, civil international cooperation and assimilation in the civil public sector, as well as other issues as agreed upon by all team members below, and formulate a national plan accordingly, taking into account legal and ethical principles accepted in the world, such as the OECD principles on artificial intelligence as set in 2019. In this respect, to assign to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology to lead international civil collaborations in the field, to represent Israel in civil international forums, including the Ministerial Forum of the OECD organization, and to protect Israel's interests in said forums. To this end, an inter-ministerial team (hereinafter - the Team), headed by the General Directorate of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology and with the participation of all the relevant parties, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Finance, the Innovation Authority, etc., will be established, in order to engage in these issues, without derogating from the authorities of the Ministry of Defense. The Team's work will be coordinated by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, and the team will submit its recommendations within 180 days. Recommendations regarding assimilation in the civilian public sector will be formulated in cooperation with the National Digital Directorate. The Minister will report to the Government on the Team's recommendations and will update the Government on the progress of their implementation once a year. Nothing in this section is intended to derogate from the independence of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the academic institutions and the Innovation Authority.

B. To note the announcement of the Ministries of Innovation, Science and Technology, Defense and Finance, together with the Innovation Authority, members of the National Infrastructures Forum for Research and Development (hereinafter – Telem Forum), as follows:

(1) To approve and activate the first phase of the Telem outline for artificial intelligence and data science (hereinafter - the Telem Outline), based on the recommendations of the committee appointed by the Telem Forum for the topics of artificial intelligence and

data science, which will include the following elements, as detailed in the Telem Forum summary dated April 8, 2021 (hereinafter – the Telem Forum Summary): Development of research human capital in the core areas of artificial intelligence technology, establishment of a national supercomputing center for the use of the broad public sector, industry and academia, promotion of natural language processing capabilities in Hebrew and Arabic, creation of a regulatory environment that allows for the development of the fields, etc. Each of the components, as mentioned above, will be led by one of the Telem bodies, individually or together, in order to enable the implementation of the outline in the best manner according to the specialization of the members of the Telem Forum.

(2) The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology will lead the above regulatory component within the inter-ministerial team headed by the General Directorate of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology as stated in Section 6(a).

(3) The first phase of the Telem Outline, in the amount of approximately NIS 550 million, will be financed by the Government according to the agreed distribution between the Ministries that are members of the Telem Forum, with the addition of resources provided by the industry, which will participate in the Outline. To this end, the Budgets Division at the Ministry of Finance will allocate a budget for the authorization to commit that will not exceed NIS 550 million, and the bodies that are members of the Telem Forum will pool the outline budget intended for allocation thereby.

(4) To apply to the Budgeting and Planning Committee with a request to examine the possibility of its participation in the above Outline, including the human capital, NLP and HPC components. The aforesaid does not derogate from the independence and authority of the Higher Education Council – Budgeting and Planning Committee.

(5) The first pulse will be realized in the years 2021-2023, so that the above budget will be charged and carried out over these years.