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**Summary of the Monetary Committee discussion on August 8, 2017
on Amending the Liquidity Directives**

Background:

The Monetary Committee decided in 2016 to change, beginning in 2017, the frequency of interest rate decisions, from monthly decisions to periodic decisions—eight times per year. As a result, the need arose to update the annex to the Bank of Israel's Liquidity Directive (Interest on liquidity deficits), 5740-1980, regarding the liquidity periods in 2018.

Main points that were discussed:

1. The Monetary Committee discussed the Market Operations Department's recommendation regarding the liquidity periods in 2018.
2. The dates of interest rate decisions included in the recommendations are in line with the considerations that guided the Committee when it chose the dates for 2017, including the publication dates of main economic data, Jewish holidays, and other considerations.

Monetary Committee decision:

In accordance with Section 38 of the Bank of Israel Law, 5770-2010, the Monetary Committee approves the Governor's decision related to changing the formulation of the Liquidity Directive relating to the annex.

Participants:

Members of the Monetary Committee

Dr. Karnit Flug, Governor of the Bank of Israel and Monetary Committee Chairperson
Dr. Nadine Baudot-Trajtenberg, Deputy Governor
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Other participants

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