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## **United States Enhances Energy Agreement with Israel**

On April 4, U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz and Israeli Minister of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources Yuval Steinitz signed new provisions that bolster energy cooperation between the United States and Israel. Concluded while Secretary Moniz was visiting Israel, the deal strengthens ties in fossil fuel and renewable energy production, smart grid technologies, protection of energy and water infrastructure against physical, cyber and electromagnetic attack, and areas within the energy-water nexus. "Today, our countries further deepened our continuing cooperation," said Moniz. "The U.S. and Israel will continue to cultivate research and development, to lower the cost of energy production and make it greener, and to encourage cooperation between the leading energy scientists in our countries." "I am certain that cooperation in the energy sector will expand in the years to come," Minister Steinitz said. "I thank Secretary Moniz for the friendship and cooperation. The United States is Israel's greatest friend, and we appreciate this friendship."