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EU Ambassador: Data shows that the EU-Israel aviation agreement is a "success story for all sides".

Speaking after the conclusion of the third EU-Israel Committee meeting, hosted in Tel Aviv by the Civil Aviation Authority of Israel (CAAI), EU ambassador to Israel Lars Faaborg-Andersen said that the 2013 EU-Israel Comprehensive Aviation Agreement was, "a success story for all sides."

Data presented at the meeting by the CAAI indicated the extent to which aviation ties between Israel and the EU had grown since the agreement was signed. For example:

- Total passenger traffic on EU-Israel routes increased by some million per year: 7.6 million in 2013, 8.2 million in 2014 and an estimated 9.1 million in 2015
- The average number of weekly flights to and from Europe increased from 497 in 2013 to an estimated 593 in 2015
- During the same period, the cost of tickets from Israel prices to Western Europe decreased by an average of 12% and to Eastern Europe by 18%
- The average weekly number of EU-Israel low cost flights of European operators jumped from 51 in 2013 to 113 in 2015.
- The data also showed that, despite initial fears of losing its market share, El Al has slightly strengthened its market position.

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