



**Scientific Representative Council**

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**Decision of the Scientific Representative Council of the Agricultural Research**

**Organization regarding "Transferring ARO to Northern Israel"**

(translated from Hebrew)

1. The council views with concern the reports from the Head of ARO and the head of the Scientists Council regarding the intentions of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Director-General of the Ministry to "transfer the Volcani Center from its current location to the north of Israel".
2. The council feels that the actual outcome of this "transfer" will be the closure and destruction of the Agricultural Research Organization, which is the main resource for agricultural science in Israel. The planned transfer will result in the loss of much human capital, knowledge, experience and scientific ability that has accumulated over the past 95 years.
3. The Scientific Representative Council demands that the Head and administration of ARO take all actions necessary to prevent the "transfer to the north" and to stop the damage to ARO and to Israeli agriculture.
4. The Council calls on the ARO administration, on all worker councils in the Ministry of Agriculture, and on all workers at ARO to cooperate in this matter.

Attached is a description of the implications of the "transfer" proposal for Volcani Center, agricultural research, and agricultural progress in Israel.