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The Herzliya Indices of National Strength

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1. A summary of the quantitative findings are presented in Tables 1&2 below
2. In the economic sphere, Israel experienced significant improvement over the last decade. The gap between Israel and the advanced nations narrowed, and the gap between Israel the countries in the region widened.
3. In the social and political spheres, there was very little change in the indices relative to the base year.
4. In 2001, there was regression in all spheres. The economic, social and political indices fell. The gap between Israel and the advanced nations widened, while the gap between the regional countries and Israel narrowed.
5. In 2002, there was a yet further decline in the economic index.

Table 1: Herzliya Indices - The Civilian Dimensions
(Indices)

	¹ 1990			¹ 1997			2000			2001		
	Economic	Social	Political	Economic	Social	Political	Economic	Social	Political	Economic	Social	Political
Israel	48.7	93.5	84.6	55.8	93.9	85.5	³ 55.6	93.7	84.9			
G7	70.1	99.2	97.1	72.5	98.7	97.9	72.7	98.6	98.0			
OECD	55.8	97.6	94.0	59.9	98.5	96.2	60.1	98.5	96.3			
Euroland²	55.4	96.2	97.0	59.7	96.9	97.7	60.0	97.0	97.8			
Iran	34.5	71.9	43.6	37.1	70.8	45.2	37.4	70.8	45.5			
Jordan	31.2	68.9	65.3	33.9	69.4	65.6	34.1	69.4	65.7			
Egypt	42.6	65.9	49.1	46.5	66.9	50.3	46.4	67.1	51.2			
Syria	27.2	71.1	31.1	30.7	71.8	32.0	30.7	72.2	32.0			

¹ Base years: U.S.A was assigned the score of 100 (1990 for Economic and Social, 1997 for Political).

² Countries Belonging to the European Monetary Union.

³ Israel's Economic score for 2002 is 54.8.

Table 2: Herzliya Indices - The Civilian Dimensions
(Percentages Changes)

	Accumulated change ¹ from the Base Year to 2001			Changes in the last year 2000 - 2001		
	Economic	Social	Political	Economic	Social	Political
Israel	14.2	0.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.7
G7	3.7	-0.6	0.9	0.3	-0.1	0.1
OECD	7.7	0.9	2.4	0.3	0.0	0.1
Euroland²	8.3	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.1
Iran	8.4	-1.5	4.4	0.8	0.0	0.7
Jordan	9.3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.2
Egypt	8.9	1.8	4.3	-0.2	0.3	1.8
Syria	12.9	1.5	2.9	0.0	0.6	0.0

¹ Base years: U.S.A was assigned the score of 100 (1990 for Economic and Social, 1997 for Political).

² Countries belonging to the European Monetary Union.

³ Israel's Economic change for 2002 is -1.4.

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