Foreword

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As this book was on the point of being published, its editor, Avner Yaniv, a dear and close friend, a colleague, and a first-rate scholar, was suddenly taken from us. From the perspective of the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI), this book has unintentionally become a memorial to his wonderful soul. Not only was this book meant to be a milestone in the development of a special program within the institute on the relationships between national security and democracy but for us it serves as a model in the development of all the IDI's programs. Indeed, Avner Yaniv was more than a member of the IDI family; he was a supporter, catalyst, and facilitator in the development of the idea to establish a think tank in Israel modelled on those that he knew so well in Washington, D.C., a city that he loved.

The programmatic interests of national security have always conflicted with the principles of democracy in the State of Israel. The critical possibility of reconciling these two groups of interests and principles is interwoven through the various chapters of this book. The tension between the two was also among the main interests of another leading scholar who has passed away—Dan ("Dindush") Horowitz—who contributed a chapter to this book and to whom the book is dedicated. A first-rate investigator, Dan Horowitz pioneered research and sought input in this sensitive area long before any other thinker invested any intellectual energies in the field.

The intellectual community and decisionmakers in general, and the family of the IDI in particular, have been left orphans without these two pillars of thought. We shall continue in our efforts to develop this important program that will pragmatically deal with the tension between national security and democracy in the State of Israel.

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