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France sells jet engines to Israel

FRANCE, which froze arms sales to Israel in 1967, announced yesterday it was selling five jet engines for the latest Israeli warplane, Reuter writes from Paris.

The Atar 9K-50 engines, built by France's state-owned manufacturer SNECMA, will power the new model of the Kfir, Israel's first home-built combat aircraft.

The Foreign Ministry announcement came on the eve of a 48-hour visit to Paris by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister.

The ministry was not able to confirm it was the first big defence contract between the two countries since President Charles de Gaulle imposed an embargo at the start of the six-day Arab-Israeli war. A spokesman said the inter-ministerial committee which vets arms exports authorised the sale in December 1988.

The Israeli newspaper Maariv published a full account of the deal yesterday. The French spokesman said only five engines were involved, not eight as reported by Maariv.