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Article --

**Coordination and Cooperation In Security Matters**

1. Joint Security Coordination and Cooperation Committee

- a. A joint Security Coordination and Cooperation Committee for mutual security purposes (hereinafter "the JSC") is hereby established.
- b. The JSC shall:
  - (1) Recommend security policy guidelines for the approval of, and implement such guidelines set by, the Joint Israeli-Palestinian Liaison Committee.
  - (2) Deal with security issues raised by either side.
  - (3) Provide the proper channel for exchanging information between the two sides needed to solve security problems.
  - (4) Provide directions for the District Coordination Offices.
- c. The JSC shall comprise between five and seven members from each side. Decisions of the JSC shall be reached by agreement between the two sides.
- d. The JSC shall determine its rules of procedure. Meetings of the JSC shall be held regularly every two weeks. In the event that either side requests a special meeting, it shall be convened within forty-eight (48) hours.
- e. Unless otherwise agreed by the two sides, JSC meetings shall be hosted by each of the sides alternately.

## 2. District Coordination Offices

- a. Three (3) District Coordination Offices are hereby established, one each for the districts of Gaza, Khan Yunis and Jericho (hereinafter "the DCOs").
- b. The DCOs shall:
  - (1) Monitor and manage the matters requiring coordination as determined by the JSC, according to the policy and guidelines established by the JSC.
  - (2) Monitor and manage all matters of a joint nature between the sides within the specific district of each DCO, including the coordination of activities by one side which may affect the other side.
  - (3) Review, investigate and report to the JSC on the overall situation within the DCO's respective district, with special regard to specific events, incidents and activities current in the district.
  - (4) Direct the Joint Patrols and Joint Mobile Units operating within the DCO's respective district.
  - (5) Direct the Liaison Bureau operating at each terminal in accordance with Article -- (Passages), in conjunction with the CAC.
- c. The DCOs shall be run jointly, and shall be operated continuously, 24 hours a day.
- d. Each DCO shall be continuously staffed by up to six officers from each side comprising one commander and five duty officers on permanent shifts of 8 hours each. There shall be at least one duty officer from each side present during each shift, as well as the necessary number of assistants.
- e. With a view to preventing frictions and allowing the two sides to prepare for possible incidents, the Israeli authorities and the Palestinian Authority undertake to ensure that the relevant DCO shall immediately be notified

of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (1) Routine, planned or irregular activity or deployment by the Israeli security forces or the Palestinian Police that directly affects the other side. This shall include activity or deployment in the proximity of Israeli settlements or Palestinian villages, as appropriate.
  - (2) Events which may pose a threat to the public order.
  - (3) Activities which disturb the regular flow of traffic on the main roads, including road-blocks and road works.
  - (4) Incidents involving both Israelis and Palestinians, such as road accidents, rescue of casualties or persons in mortal danger, engagement steps or any incidents in which a weapon is used.
  - (5) A terrorist action of any kind, from any source.
  - (6) Infiltrations across the lines of the Gaza Strip and Jericho Area.
  - (7) All emergency cases in which Israelis are hospitalized in the Gaza Strip or Jericho Area or Palestinians of the Gaza Strip or Jericho Area are hospitalized in Israel.
- f. Each DCO shall notify the Israeli and Palestinian regional headquarters, as well as the Joint Patrols and Joint Mobile Units operating in the relevant district, on the occurrence of any of the events listed in paragraph e. above.
- g. The JSC may modify the contents of the list of events outlined in paragraph e. above.
- h. Any event involving the injury of Israelis at any location within the Gaza Strip or Jericho Area shall be immediately reported to Israel through the relevant DCO. Israel may employ any means necessary for the evacuation and treatment of such injured persons through coordination within the relevant DCO.

- i. The DCOs shall be equipped with the necessary means of communication in order to enable direct and immediate contact both with the Joint Patrols and Joint Mobile Units, as well as with the respective headquarters functioning in the district.

### 3. Joint Patrols

- a. The mission of the Joint Patrols is to ensure free, unimpeded and secure movement along the roads and in the areas described in Articles Nos. -- of this Annex.
- b. Unless the JSC decides otherwise, the Joint Patrols shall be comprised of two 4-wheel drive vehicles - one Palestinian and one Israeli. The vehicles shall be marked in such a way so as to be easily distinguishable from all other vehicles in the area. There shall be four people in each vehicle - an officer, a signal operator, a driver and a guard.
- c. The Joint Patrols shall patrol 24 hours a day in vehicles and on foot along their routes of activity and in the adjacent sides upon which the security of traffic along these roads is dependent or as directed by the DCO.
- d. In routes under Israeli responsibility, the Israeli vehicle shall be the leading vehicle. In routes under Palestinian responsibility, the Palestinian vehicle shall be the leading vehicle. The Joint Patrol shall be under the direction of the relevant DCO.
- e. The Joint Patrols shall conduct constant monitoring of movement within their area of operation with a view to preventing incidents which may threaten or endanger persons using the roads, and shall report to the relevant DCO and to the Israeli and Palestinian district headquarters any such incident or the threat thereof.
- f. Upon reaching the scene of an incident, the Joint Patrol shall provide as much assistance as possible. Where the incident is dealt with by the authorities functioning in the area, the Joint Patrol shall verify that the appropriate measures have been taken and

report to the relevant DCO accordingly.

- g. Immediately on becoming aware of the occurrence of one of the events listed in paragraph 2.e above, the Joint Patrols shall report the event to the relevant DCO and the relevant Israeli and Palestinian headquarters.

#### 4. Joint Mobile Units

- a. The mission of the Joint Mobile Units shall be to provide rapid response in the event of incidents and emergency situations in order to ensure free, unimpeded and secure movement on the junctions where they are located and along their designated routes of activity.
- b. The composition of the Joint Mobile Units shall be identical to that of the Joint Patrols.
- c. The duties of the Joint Mobile Units shall be:
  - (1) to monitor the movement along designated roads from basically static locations on agreed junctions, from where they may patrol at random on agreed roads as instructed by the relevant DCO, in which case their duties shall be the same as those of Joint Patrols; and
  - (2) in the event of an incident involving both Israelis and Palestinians, to reach the site of the incident in order to investigate the incident and provide assistance.

#### 5. Review of Security Arrangements

The coordination mechanism shall also operate as a mechanism for the review of security arrangements, as follows:

- a. The JSC shall meet six months after the entry into force of this Agreement, and at six-month intervals thereafter, to review the security arrangements and recommend changes. Amendments shall be adopted by mutual agreement of the two sides.

- b. The JSC shall base itself, in part, on the regular reports and recommendations received from the DCOs.