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Negotiating Concept

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The Principles of a First Israeli-Palestinian Understanding

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations will concentrate on achieving agreement in regard to three documents: A DoP (Declaration of Principles), a CWP (Cooperation and Working Programme) and Guidelines for a ~~REDF~~ (Regional Economic Development Plan). *Marshall Plan*

I. Draft for DoP (Declaration of Principles)

1. The aim of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations is to obtain agreement regarding arrangements for establishing a Palestinian Self-Governing Authority, the Palestinian Interim Council, for a period leading to a permanent settlement based on Resolutions 242 and 338.

It is understood that the interim arrangements are an integral part of the whole process leading to the implementation of 242 and 338.

2. In order that the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza may govern themselves according to democratic principles direct, free and general political elections would be held three months after the signing of this DoP. Agreement on the exact mode and conditions of elections, will be achieved, not later than one month before elections. *free Annex one*

3. The elections for the establishment of the Palestinian Interim Council will constitute a significant interim preparatory step towards the realization of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements.

4. The jurisdiction of the Palestinian Interim Council will cover control over land, as mutually agreed upon. *will*

5. Immediately after the signing of the DoP a transfer of authority from the Israeli military government and the Israeli Civil Administration to the Palestinians and such committees that will be appointed by the Palestinian representatives, will start.

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The transfer of authority to the Palestinian committees will be of temporary and preparatory nature and will include Palestinian control over taxation, tourism, education, health and social welfare, as well as other agreed upon spheres.

6. In order to guarantee optimal economic development and growth, immediately with the signing of this DoP, a Palestinian Land Committee and a Palestinian Water Administration Committee will be established.

The Palestinian Land Committee and the Palestinian Water Administration Committee will be given immediate powers as mutually agreed upon. A coordinated land and water resources development plan will be negotiated between the Palestinian Land Committee and the Palestinian Water Administration Committee on the one, and the Government of Israel on the other side.

7. In order to guarantee optimal security arrangements for the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian Interim Council will establish a strong police force, responsible for internal security and public order.

Preparatory steps, necessary for the establishment of the Palestinian police force, will be taken immediately after the signing of the DoP, in liaison with the Palestinians, Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

8. In order to enable the Interim Self-Government Authority, the Palestinian Interim Council, to promote economic growth, several institutions will be established at the time of its inauguration, such as: a Palestinian Land Authority, a Palestinian Water Administration Authority, a Palestinian Electricity Authority, a Gaza Sea Port Authority, a Palestinian Development Bank, a Palestinian Export Promotion Board and an Environmental Authority.

The Palestinian committees will negotiate with the Government of Israel, the necessary relevant agreements for these institutions.

9. The Palestinian Interim Council will be empowered to legislate for all the authorities that are mutually agreed upon. Both parties will reassess jointly all laws and military orders presently in force.

10. An Israeli-Palestinian Liaison Committee will be established and will deal with all issues of dispute and

common interest. Agreements on cooperation and liaison will be negotiated and implemented on the professional levels in order to provide for security and mutual understanding between both parties.

11. Further liaison and cooperation arrangements will be negotiated and agreed upon between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority on one hand and the Governments of Jordan and Egypt on the other hand.

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12. Immediately after signing the DoP the transitional period of five years will begin. As soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year, negotiations will take place to determine the final status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and its relationship with its neighbours. *including Jerusalem*

as specified in article 4.
13. After the signing of the DoP, Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the redeployment of Israeli military forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will start. A first redeployment of forces will be carried out on the eve of elections for the Palestinian Interim Council.

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Further redeployments will be gradually implemented, in line with the introduction of other security measures.

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At the end of the second year of the interim-period, Israeli military forces will withdraw completely from Gaza, in the spirit of partial implementation of 242 and 338. The Israeli withdrawal will be fully coordinated with the Palestinian Interim Council.

After the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza a trusteeship will be established, as to be agreed upon between the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority.

14. The Israeli and the Palestinian delegations will negotiate an Interim-Agreement that will specify the mechanisms and substance of the envisaged transfer of authority.

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