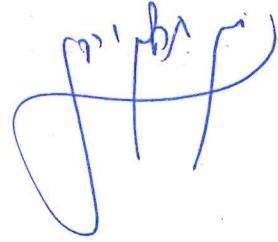
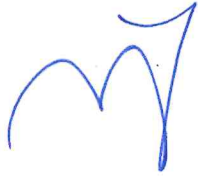


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Of the possible solutions to the delimitation problem viz. mutual rectifications, arbitration, parks, our preferred position, at the time of writing, remains a formula whereby Jordanian sovereignty is reconciled with Israeli private ownership.

The advantage of this solution is that a tangible instance of Arab-Jewish coexistence can be established. This corresponds to our vision of peace as a warm reality and may be a forerunner of things to come.

The disadvantage is that such a regime cannot exist in perpetuity without discrimination between the rights that will be created for the beneficiaries i.e. the Israeli land owners on the one hand and the Jordanian citizens on the other.

Israel had proposed for Baqura a regime that would have led to this result and hence, with all the goodwill in the world, we could not accept it.

Conversely we realise that our offer of a 10 year renewable regime might be too brief in terms of imparting a sense of stability into the enjoyment of the rights that would be created by the regime.

Hence, in an attempt at narrowing the gap we would like to offer the following, conditional on ascertaining Israeli withdrawal to the delimited line with reference to mandate formula.

- a. An increase in the time span from 10 years renewable to 20 years renewable. *The farmers will be free to work the land and reap their crops unimpeded.*
- b. A guarantee that in the first 20 years there will be no expropriation of private property even against compensation.

- c. In subsequent periods a guarantee that the land owners will enjoy the full protection afforded by international law to foreign property rights holders.

This would apply to Baqura and the areas in Wadi Araba where there are major investments eg mature plantations. It would not apply to areas where there are only perennial crops.

Water in both Jordan and Israel is a public right. Private rights in water will not be guaranteed under this arrangement except to the extent, that under an overall final package Jordan would provide to Israel x amount of water in Wadi Araba in exchange for x amount of water to be provided by Israel to Jordan in the north (of comparable quality).

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