

Country/entity	Israel Palestine
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Annex VI, Protocol Concerning Israeli Palestinian Cooperation Programs, Israeli Palestinian Interim Agreement on The West Bank and the Gaza Strip (Oslo II)
Date	28 Sep 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 -)

This conflict involves Israelis and Palestinians over territory and belonging and has long historical antecedents. The agreements post-1990 are between the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel, with some supporting inter-state agreements (i.e. between Israel and Jordan). More recently the importance of the once dominating Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) has diminished not in the least due to the effective disappearance of its left-wing members and the loss of the popularity of their political wing, Fatah. Hamas and other Islamic groups have attained significant relevance in Fatah's stead, with Hamas controlling the Gaza strip (from which Israel ultimately unilaterally withdrew (not coded as a peace agreement)).

Geo-political implications of the conflict have been considerable across the MENA region.
Close
Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 -)

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Israel-Palestine peace process
Parties	Israel, signed for by Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres; PLO, signed for by Yasser Arafat;
Third parties	William Clinton, U.S. President; Warren Christopher, U.S.; Amr Moussa, Egypt; Bjoern Tore Godal, Norway; Andrei V. Kozyrev, Russia; Hussein Ibn Talal, Jordan; Felipe Gonzalez, EU;
Description	Annex to Oslo II Agreement outlining areas of cooperation between Israel and Palestine including cooperation on education and training as well as cultural and social exchanges.

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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Substantive Page 6, Article VII, Cultural and Educational Cooperation ... 4. Sports and Youth a. The two sides shall encourage cooperation in sports and physical culture, especially through the exchange of sports delegations and teams, as well as through the organizing of sports meetings and games. b. The two sides shall encourage contacts and exchanges between youth organizations and shall promote exchanges of high school and university students.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender No specific mention.

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, Article II, Scope The scope of cooperation between the two sides, as detailed in this Annex, will include, inter alia, the following main aspects: e. cooperation in enhancing the dialogue and relations between the two peoples through a people-to-people program.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics
Page 6, Article VII, Cultural and Educational Cooperation
... 2. Media and Communication
The two sides shall promote and encourage direct cooperation between news agencies, newspapers, and radio and television stations. In addition, the two sides will cooperate with third countries in order to promote the exposure of the benefits of the peace process to the respective societies.

Mobility/access Page 5, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation
5. Transport
a. The two sides shall promote cooperation in the field of transport and related infrastructure, in order to accommodate any increase in the flow of passengers and goods, and modernize the transportation infrastructure through:
(1) promoting joint technological and research programs; and
(2) assisting and facilitating the establishment of a Palestinian Standards and Specifications Institute in this field based on international standards.
b. The two sides will work towards normal movement of vehicles across the crossing points with Jordan and Egypt.

Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other

Page 1, Article II, Scope

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Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation

3. In implementing the various economic cooperation programs, the two sides will ensure that aspects of environmental protection including air, water, marine and land resources, and prevention of environmental risks, hazards and nuisances will be taken into consideration.

Page 3, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

2. Agricultural Cooperation

e. cooperate and coordinate in the field of plant protection and veterinary diseases;

f. promote joint

Page 5, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

4. Energy

The two sides shall promote cooperation between them in order to:

... c. promote, within the framework of regional cooperation, projects for their mutual benefit in the field of electricity; and

d. develop options for joint ventures which will include the international business sector in the field of energy production, management and supply.

Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI

No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions

No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation

1. The two sides recognize the importance of economic growth, especially on the Palestinian side and cooperation based on the principles of equity, fairness, and reciprocity as a key factor in the context of building peace and reconciliation.

Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation

4. Without derogating from the existing agreements between them, economic cooperation between the two sides shall focus principally on sectors producing balanced economic, social, and human development and growth. The cooperation aims, among other things, at:

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b. strengthening the bases for independent and institutional economic decision making processes within the Palestinian side;

Page 3, c. supporting the establishment of the Palestinian Standards and Specifications Institute, export institute, etc.;

d. working together to promote social development and foster the rise of Palestinian standards of living; and

e. aspiring towards reducing the disparity in the level of the respective economic development of the two sides.

5. Economic cooperation between the two sides shall include exchange of information and ideas on economic issues, matters and transactions involving the two sides.

6. Economic cooperation between the two sides shall take into account changes in economic policies in various economic spheres.

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction

Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation

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National economic plan Page 1, Article II, Scope
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...b. economic cooperation,

Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation
2. To this end, the two sides shall promote economic cooperation, including the promotion of joint ventures for their mutual benefit, in accordance with the overall objectives and principles set out in this Annex. This endeavor shall be pursued without derogating from the provisions of Annex III of the Declaration of Principles, Annex V of this Agreement (Protocol on Economic Matters), and any subsequent agreement or understanding reached between them during the interim period.

Page 3, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

1. Industrial Cooperation

The two sides shall promote industrial cooperation, and, in particular:

- a. facilitate cooperation between their respective economic institutions and business sectors;
- b. examine ways to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures;
- c. promote cooperation between small and medium-sized enterprises of both sides;
- d. seek ways to increase Palestinian industrial output through, inter alia, the promotion of a program of industrial parks or zones in accordance with an agreed concept and in cooperation with all relevant institutions; and
- e. dedicate special efforts to attract the international business sector and in particular multinational firms.

2. Agricultural Cooperation

The two sides recognize the importance of promoting cooperation in the field of agriculture, and shall in particular:

- a. promote cooperation between their respective private farming sectors;
- b. facilitate and promote smooth trade between the respective markets;
- c. examine ways to facilitate the establishment of joint ventures;
- d. establish channels for the exchange of information on farming methods, irrigation, water and soil treatment, herbicides, pesticides, etc.;
- e. cooperate and coordinate in the field of plant protection and veterinary diseases;
- f. promote joint efforts to combat desertification and encourage the development of agricultural projects in arid and semi-arid areas.

Page 5, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

4. Energy

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- ... c. promote, within the framework of regional cooperation, projects for their mutual benefit in the field of electricity; and
- d. develop options for joint ventures which will include the international business sector in the field of energy production, management and supply.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds No specific mention.

Business

Page 1, Article I, Objectives

2. To that end, the two sides agree to establish and maintain between them an extensive program of cooperation in fields of human activity including in economic, scientific, social and cultural fields, involving officials, institutions, and the private sector.

Page 1, Article II, Scope

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Page 5, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

6. Tourism

a. In order to best utilize the unique advantages provided to the tourism industry in conditions of stability, the two sides shall examine ways to:

- (1) increase the volume of incoming tourism;
- (2) plan and develop the necessary infrastructure, facilities and services in order to accommodate increased demand;
- (3) encourage the involvement of major foreign, regional, as well as multinational tourist conglomerates and entrepreneurs; and
- (4) continue and expand the existing vocational training programs, in the various tourist vocations;
- (5) encourage joint ventures in the tourism field in all areas of mutual benefit including on the Dead Sea. In this regard Palestinian private projects as well as joint ventures in accordance with the DOP, will be located as agreed on the shore of the Dead Sea.

b. The two sides shall exchange information and promote cooperation on planned tourism development projects and tourism marketing projects, tourist exhibits, exhibitions, conventions and publications.

c. The two sides shall facilitate and encourage smooth movement of tourists between their respective areas.

d. The two sides shall also encourage the development of cooperation programs

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

**Pastoralist/
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

Cultural heritage Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Intangible
Page 6, Article VII, Cultural and Educational Cooperation
... 3. Educational Cooperation
... c. The cooperation shall focus, in particular, on the following areas:
... (3) language training; and
Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion
Page 1, Article II, Scope
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Page 6, Article VII, Cultural and Educational Cooperation
1. Cultural Cooperation
The two sides shall promote cultural cooperation and encourage the development of cooperation between their institutions or organizations in the fields of art, music, theater, literature, literary translations, publishing, cinema and film-making.

Page 6, Article VII, Cultural and Educational Cooperation
... 3. Educational Cooperation
... c. The cooperation shall focus, in particular, on the following areas:
... (4) other ways of promoting better mutual understanding of their respective cultures.

Environment

Page 1, Article II, Scope

The scope of cooperation between the two sides, as detailed in this Annex, will include, inter alia, the following main aspects:

a. cooperation with regard to environmental protection;

Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation

3. In implementing the various economic cooperation programs, the two sides will ensure that aspects of environmental protection including air, water, marine and land resources, and prevention of environmental risks, hazards and nuisances will be taken into consideration.

Page 4, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

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Page 4, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

3. Environment

a. The two sides shall promote cooperation in preventing the deterioration of the environment, controlling pollution and ensuring the proper protection and rational use of natural resources in their respective areas, with a view to ensuring environmentally sustained development and promoting regional environment projects.

b. Cooperation in the protection of the environment will focus, inter alia, on preparing proposals for projects, studies, and recommendations on:

(1) development and implementation of appropriate treatment of liquid, solid and hazardous wastes and the control, storage, discharge transportation and disposal of hazardous materials, pollutants, and radioactive waste;

(2) prevention and control of marine pollution from ships and from land-based sources;

(3) preventing and minimizing the harmful effects of pollution on soil, water and air quality;

(4) use of appropriate tools of environmental management and environmental monitoring methods, including the adoption of and use of internationally accepted environmental principles and standards of Environment Impact Assessment and environmental information systems;

(5) development of programs of combating desertification and protection of nature and endangered species and the preservation of forests and natural reserves; and

(6) promotion of environmental education and awareness programs.

c. Both sides shall cooperate in preventing the transfer of internationally banned and restricted chemicals including, pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers between their respective areas.

d. Both sides shall cooperate in setting an emergency warning system to respond to events or accidents which may generate environmental pollution, damage, or hazards.

e. The Environmental Experts Committee established under this Agreement will implement the environmental cooperation proposed above in coordination with the SCC.

Page 5, Article V, Sectors of Economic Cooperation

4. Energy

The two sides shall promote cooperation between them in order to:

a. develop plans to promote the use of environmentally clean alternative sources of energy such as solar and wind energy;

b. enhance cooperation in energy conservation;

Water or riparian rights or access Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation
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Security sector

Security Guarantees Page 7, Article IX, Drugs
 1. In addition to the cooperation provided for in Article II of Annex IV of this Agreement concerning legal assistance in criminal matters, the two sides shall cooperate with a view to, inter alia:
 a. improving the effectiveness of policies, including information and public awareness, educational and sociological activities directed at countering the supply of, and illicit trafficking in, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and reducing the abuse of these products
 b. encouraging a joint approach to reducing demand; and
 c. encouraging a joint approach to prevent the use of the Two sides' financial systems to launder capital arising from criminal activities in general and drug trafficking in particular.
 2. Cooperation shall take the form of, inter alia, exchanges of information and where appropriate joint activities on establishing social and health institutions and information systems, and implementing projects in these spheres, including training and research projects.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime Page 7, Article IX, Drugs

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Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation Page 2, Article IV, Principles of Economic Cooperation
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Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism Page 2, Article III, Standing Cooperation Committee
1. A Standing Cooperation Committee is hereby established (hereinafter “the SCC”).
2. a. The SCC shall be composed of an equal number of members from each side and may be assisted in its meetings by experts and technicians as necessary.
b. The SCC shall adopt its rules of procedure. It shall meet once a month. Meetings may be held more frequently at the request of either side.
c. The SCC shall reach its decisions by agreement.
d. The SCC may set up working groups or bodies for the implementation of this Annex.
3. The SCC shall deal with the matters covered in this Annex. It shall consider and decide on the methods and modalities for the implementation of the various fields of cooperation as detailed in Article IX. It may decide to add new fields of cooperation.

Related cases No specific mention.

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