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His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
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United States of America

CC:

- The Hon. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America
- H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation
- H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China
- H.E. Sergei Lavrov, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation
- H.E. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine
- H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of the State of Israel

Dear Secretary-General,

Subject: A Viable Framework for Peace in the Israel-Palestine-Gaza Region

I write to you formally in my capacity as Principal of Studio Legale Internazionale, headquartered in USA/ITALY, and in my personal capacity as someone with longstanding ties to the Palestinian cause. I was personally acquainted with President Yasser Arafat from 1993 until the day of his death in 2004. During that period, I met with him on numerous occasions both in Tunis and in Belgrade—the latter being the city that hosted the PLO's diplomatic mission for many years. Our discussions consistently revolved around the existential dilemma of Palestinian statehood, the problematic territorial configuration, and, most urgently, the corridors between the West Bank and Gaza.

Today, more than two decades after those conversations, the situation has only deteriorated further. Based on credible reports, including the most recent cartographic analysis from [Smartraveller.gov.au](https://www.smartraveller.gov.au) and Al Jazeera, Israel now controls approximately 50 to 65 percent of Gaza, including strategic buffer zones in the Netzarim and Morag corridors. Gaza, once a coherent geopolitical unit, has been fragmented into military no-go zones and isolated civilian pockets.

There is no viable solution that can emerge from a binary recognition of two states: Israel and Palestine. Any long-term peace strategy must address three realities on the ground: the sovereign entity of Israel, the fragmented but politically defined territory of the West Bank, and the currently besieged enclave of Gaza. The notion that Gaza and the West Bank can be joined through physical corridors is strategically obsolete and diplomatically impractical under present conditions.

Our Proposal: A Tri-State Framework with a Regional Mobility Pact

We propose a new, viable framework that comprises three independent but interdependent entities:

1. **The State of Israel**
2. **The State of the West Bank** (under reformed Palestinian Authority governance)

3. **An Autonomous State of Gaza** (name to be defined)

These three entities would enter into a **Regional Mobility and Economic Cooperation Pact**, modelled on the European Union's **Schengen Agreement**. For practical reference, we term this proposed framework the **Levantine Free Movement Compact (LFMC)**.

Key Features of the Levantine Free Movement Compact (LFMC):

- **Freedom of Movement:** Citizens of the three entities shall have the right to move freely across their borders, without passport or checkpoint control, subject to biometric registration and secure entry protocols.
- **Mutual Recognition of Sovereignty:** Each state shall recognize the territorial integrity and political independence of the others.
- **Interdependence Principle:** The Israeli economy depends materially on the Palestinian workforce. Formalizing labour rights, transit protocols, and reciprocal trade tariffs will reinforce economic and social stability.
- **Security Cooperation Council:** A tri-state security body, with rotating chairmanship and oversight from a neutral UN military mission, will handle counterterrorism, intelligence sharing, and civil defence planning.

Immediate Imperatives:

1. **Cessation of Hostilities:** Upon agreement in principle to this framework, an immediate and total ceasefire must be enacted by all parties, monitored by UN observers.
2. **Release of Hostages:** Hamas must release all remaining hostages unconditionally. This must be accompanied by a binding ceasefire obligation by Israel to halt all aerial and ground bombardments.
3. **Reconstruction and Economic Revival:** A multilateral Gaza Reconstruction Fund should be created, administered by the World Bank and funded by the following stakeholders:
 - **United States:** \$100 billion
 - **Russian Federation:** \$100 billion

- **People's Republic of China:** \$100 billion
- **European Union:** \$100 billion
- **Gulf Cooperation Council:** \$150 billion

Funds must be allocated transparently with independent audit mechanisms and disbursed toward:

- Housing and infrastructure redevelopment
- Medical facilities and water/sanitation restoration
- Educational rebuilding
- Economic stimulation grants for local businesses and agriculture

Legal and Political Considerations:

This proposed framework does not preclude final-status negotiations over Jerusalem, refugee return rights, or historical grievances. It merely provides a **functional governance model and movement protocol** that avoids the geopolitical stalemate of corridor politics.

Under the 1949 Fourth Geneva Convention and various UN Security Council Resolutions (including 242, 338, 1397, and 2334), Israel is obligated to avoid further annexation and disproportionate military retaliation. Conversely, Palestinian leadership is required to disavow terrorism and recognize the right of Israel to exist. This tri-state model acknowledges these mutual obligations without requiring either party to forfeit their historical or ideological positions at the outset.

Historic Parallels and Practicality:

The Schengen Area in Europe, ASEAN in Southeast Asia, and even the East African Community are all examples of sovereign states that have found durable arrangements to allow **people, goods, and ideas to circulate without political fusion**. The Levantine Free Movement Compact can and should follow this model, with an initial observer status to be granted to the United Nations.

Next Steps:

We respectfully ask that you, as Secretary-General of the United Nations:

- Distribute this proposal to the above-listed parties.

- Convene a **Special Session of the Security Council** to discuss the viability of the LFMC.
- Appoint a **Special Rapporteur on the Future Governance of Gaza** to study, consult, and report back within 90 days.
- Establish a **UN-Gaza Coordination Office** to liaise with civil society groups, private sector stakeholders, and reconstruction agencies on the ground.

Conclusion:

Mr. Arafat once told me in Tunis, "We will not see the birth of Palestine by war, nor will we see it through mere declaration. We must engineer it with ideas, not arms." That moment has arrived. We do not offer a utopian resolution. We offer a functional beginning. The people of Gaza, Israel, and the West Bank deserve the dignity of borders that are not walls but gateways.

We stand ready, through our offices and associates, to assist in convening working groups, preparing legal frameworks, and mediating exploratory talks. We ask only that this proposal be given the consideration it merits.

Yours faithfully,

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