

Agreement on Temporary International Presence in the City of Hebron

21 January 1997

Pursuant to Article VII of Annex I of the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, dated September 28, 1995 ("the Interim Agreement"), which deals with the redeployment of Israeli military forces in the City of Hebron and provides that there will be a Temporary International Presence in Hebron, Israel and the PLO agree as follows:

1. A Temporary International Presence in Hebron (hereinafter "TIPH") is hereby established. It will supersede the existing TIPH operating under the Agreement on the Temporary International Presence in the City of Hebron, dated May 9, 1996. It will be stationed in and operate within the City of Hebron as delineated on map No. 9 attached to the Interim Agreement. In all its activities, the TIPH will relate to Hebron as one city. As detailed in paragraph 5 below, the TIPH will assist in monitoring and reporting the efforts to maintain normal life in the City of Hebron, thus creating a feeling of security among Palestinians in the City of Hebron. The organizational structure, operational guidelines, logistics, support, and privileges and immunities of the TIPH shall be in accordance with the modalities on the establishment of the TIPH concluded by the participating countries with the agreement of the two sides.

2. The two sides shall request Norway, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey to provide 180 persons as TIPH personnel. Norway shall be requested to coordinate the establishment and activity of the TIPH. The number of on-duty observers at any given time and changes in the composition of the TIPH shall be with the consent of both sides.

3. TIPH personnel shall have no military or police functions, nor will they interfere in disputes, incidents or the activities of Israeli security forces or the Palestinian Police.

4. In order to facilitate the carrying out of TIPH tasks, a building will be chosen in Hebron as a seat for the TIPH.

5. The tasks of the TIPH personnel will be:

- a. to promote by their presence a feeling of security to the Palestinians of Hebron;
- b. to help promote stability and an appropriate environment conducive to the enhancement of the well-being of the Palestinians of Hebron and their economic development;
- c. to observe the enhancement of peace and prosperity among Palestinians;
- d. to assist in the promotion and execution of projects initiated by the donor countries;
- e. to encourage economic development and growth in Hebron;
- f. to provide reports as set out in paragraph 7 below; and

12. The expenses of the TIPH will be borne by the participating countries.

13. This Agreement shall enter into force on February 1, 1997 and shall supersede the Agreement on the Temporary International Presence in the City of Hebron, dated May 9, 1996.

14. The TIPH may commence its operation immediately upon the approval of its modalities of operation by the two sides, and shall continue to function for a period of three months renewable for an additional period of three months unless otherwise agreed between the two sides. With the consent of the two sides, the TIPH may extend the period or change the scope of its operation, as agreed. nbsp:

Signed by Mr. Eytan Bentsur, for the Government of the State of Israel and Dr. Saeb Erekat for the PLO.