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## The Implementation and Verification Group (IVG)

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# 1. General

## 1. Purpose and Goal:

- a. The Implementation and Verification Group (IVG) is established in order to provide the support of the international community for the peace process between the Parties, and to assist the Parties in the fulfillment of their mutual obligations under the Agreement.
- b. For these purposes, the IVG will supervise, guarantee, facilitate and assist in preventing and resolving disputes relating to the implementation of the Agreement.

## 2. Composition and Structure:

- a. The Parties shall invite the following member countries and organizations ("Members") to participate in the IVG:
  - i. The US.
  - ii. The Russian federation.
  - iii. The EU.
  - iv. The UN Secretariat.
- b. The Parties may agree to add to the IVG additional member countries and/or organizations, both regional and international.
- c. The organs and bodies of the IVG shall be as follows:
  - i. The Contact Group.
  - ii. The Special Representative.
  - iii. The Secretariat.
  - iv. The Donors Group.
  - v. The Multinational Force.
  - vi. The Old City Policing Unit.
- d. The IVG shall establish a Dispute Settlement Mechanism.
- e. The IVG may decide, with the agreement of the Parties, to establish additional organs and bodies, as it deems necessary for the fulfillment of its tasks.
- f. The IVG permanent headquarters shall be at an agreed upon location in Jerusalem.
- g. All references in this Annex to the IVG shall include reference to any of its organs or bodies, as appropriate.

### 3. Responsibilities and Functions:

- a. The IVG shall have the responsibilities and functions set out in the Agreement, including, inter alia, the following:
  - i. Supervise, guarantee, facilitate and assist in preventing and resolving disputes relating to the implementation of the Agreement.
  - ii. Assist the Parties in implementing the Agreement and prevent and promptly mediate disputes on the ground.
  - iii. Assist in preventing and combating all forms of violence, including terrorism.
  - iv. Monitor, verify, and facilitate the implementation of the Israeli withdrawal.
  - v. Resolve any disagreement in the Joint Technical Border Commission on the demarcation of the border.
  - vi. Resolve any disputes that may arise during the evacuation of settlements and assumption of authority over settlements by Palestine.
  - vii. Recommend a solution when it is not reached in the trilateral committee for civil aviation.
  - viii. Recommend an agreement if one is not reached in the trilateral committee that deals with changes in the annex regarding the limitation of weapons used by the Palestinian Security Force (PSF).
  - ix. Monitor and verify compliance of Israeli Air Force use of the Palestinian sovereign airspace for training, and take a conclusive decision when either side submits a complaint.
  - x. Monitor and verify the implementation of the Electromagnetic Sphere clause and annex, and take a conclusive decision when either side submits a complaint.
  - xi. Decide in complaints issued regarding the use of the Electromagnetic Sphere.
  - xii. Decide in matters raised by the PSF concerning disagreement between the PSF and the MF regarding the entrance of goods or materials.

- xiii. Assist the Multinational Presence in al-Haram al-Sharif/Temple Mount (Compound) in its secretariat work, support or any logistic assistance needed.
  - xiv. Assist in cooperating between the two Parties – if called by them – in the event of any incidents involving Israeli citizens in the designated roads, that requires criminal or legal proceedings.
  - xv. Monitor and verify the preservation of cultural heritage in the Old City in accordance with the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List rules.
  - xvi. Assist the Parties in establishing guidelines for the implementation of laws that prevent incitement to irredentism, racism, terrorism and violence, and assist them in vigorously enforcing them.
  - xvii. The IVG will maintain international forces in the West Bank and Gaza crossing points. In the case of a security event involving Israeli or foreign citizens, the international forces will arrive at the site and assist the Israeli and Palestinian security forces.
- b. Additional responsibilities and functions may be added to the IVG by the Parties, in a written agreement to be submitted by them to the Special Representative.
  - c. The Contact Group and the Special Representative may recommend to the Parties additional responsibilities and functions to be conferred to the IVG, or changes and amendments to existing responsibilities and functions. In all such cases, the final decision shall rest with the Parties.
  - d. The working language of the IVG shall be English.

#### 4. Expenses and Financing:

- a. The expenses of the IVG shall be covered by income derived from the UN, the Members and the Parties.
- b. The Special Representative, with the assistance of the Parties, the Members and the Contact Group, shall establish an IVG Donors Group (Donors Group), comprised of non-Member countries and/or organizations willing to contribute to the success of the IVG and the Agreement. Any expenses not covered by the UN, the Members and the parties will derive from the donors group.

- c. The IVG shall strive to maximize local and regional purchasing and procuring for its activities.
- d. The Special Representative shall prepare a budget for each financial year, to be approved by the Contact Group and the Parties. Once approved, the budget shall serve to fund the operations of the IVG, as determined by the Special Representative. The financial year for the purpose of the IVG budget shall be from 01/01 to 31/12.
- e. For the period prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year following the signing of the agreement, the budget of the IVG shall consist of such amounts as the Special Representative shall receive during this period.
- f. The Special Representative will prepare financial regulations consistent with this Agreement, and shall submit them for the approval of the Contact Group and the Parties no later than \_\_\_\_\_. These regulations shall include a budgetary process which takes into account the budgetary cycles of the contributing countries and organizations.
- g. Once every financial year, the Special representative shall convene a special annual plenary (the Plenary) comprised of representatives of the Parties, the Members, the Contact Group and the Donor Group, to present and discuss the IVG's compliance with its work-plan and budget for the current financial year and its proposed work-plan and budget for the next financial year.

**5. Relations with the Parties:**

- a. A Trilateral Committee, composed of the Special Representative and the Palestinian-Israeli High Steering Committee, shall serve as the most senior forum for coordination between the Parties and the IVG in relation to the implementation of the Agreement and for mutual review of such implementation.
- b. The Trilateral Committee shall convene for its regular meetings at least once a month. In addition, the Trilateral Committee shall convene for a special session within 48 hours of the request of either of the Parties or of the IVG to the Secretariat.

- c. In addition to the Trilateral Committee, the IVG shall be represented in the various committees and groups established under the Agreement, as detailed thereunder, and in other committees, groups or bodies as shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

**6. Privileges and Immunities:**

- a. Representatives of the IVG, the Special Representative and the various employees of and participants in the IVG's organs and bodies shall be entitled to privileges and immunities as detailed in the Participation Agreement.
- b. Representatives of the IVG, the Special Representative and the various employees of and participants in the IVG's organs and bodies shall enjoy freedom of movement within the territory of the Parties, as required for the performance of their responsibilities under the Agreement, in accordance with modalities to be developed by the Special Representative with the Parties.

**7. Duration:**

- a. The IVG shall terminate its activities in specific milestone-linked spheres upon the fulfillment of the agreed milestones for those spheres. The IVG shall continue to exist, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

**8. The Contact Group**

- a. A senior political-level contact group (Contact Group), composed of all the IVG Members, shall be the highest authority of the IVG.
- b. The Contact Group shall appoint, in consultation with the Parties, a Special Representative who will be the principal executive of the IVG on the ground.
- c. Each Member shall be represented in the Contact Group by one senior representative.
- d. Each Member shall notify the Secretariat of the identity of its officially designated representative.

- e. In the event a designated representative is unable to participate in a meeting of the Contact Group, the appointing Member country/ organization shall appoint a suitable replacement and shall notify the Secretariat accordingly.
- f. The Members listed in paragraph 2(a) above shall be deemed as the "Permanent Members" of the Contact Group.
- g. Each Member of the Contact Group is entitled to one vote.
- h. In principle, the Contact Group should strive that all its decisions be reached by consensus of all its Members.
- i. In cases in which a full consensus decision is not feasible, the decisions of the Contact Group shall be reached through a regular majority vote of its members, further provided that all Permanent Members agree to the decision in question.
- j. The Contact Group shall convene at the IVG headquarters. or at another location recommended by the Special Representative and approved by the Contact Group.
- k. The Secretariat shall provide all required logistic and administrative support for the operation of the Contact Group.

## 2. The Special Representative

1. The Special Representative shall be appointed by the Contact Group, in consultation with the Parties, and shall serve a term of four years. The Contact Group may, in consultation with the Parties, decide on the renewal of the term of a Special Representative, or on the replacement of the Special Representative, prior to the expiration of his term.
2. As the principal executive of the IVG on the ground, the Special Representative shall be based at the IVG headquarters and shall be responsible for the direction and management of the IVG. For this purpose, the Special Representative is authorized to act on the behalf of the IVG, including through the employment of personnel, the contracting, acquisition and disposal of property and services, the institution of legal proceedings and any other reasonable action necessary and proper for the fulfillment of his responsibilities.
3. As part of his functions, the Special Representative shall serve as the chairman of the Trilateral Committee, which shall also include both Parties' respective members of the Israeli-Palestinian High Steering Committee. The Special Representative shall be responsible for convening the Trilateral Committee on a monthly basis, or more often, upon request of any of the members of the Trilateral Committee.
4. The Special Representative shall be responsible, inter alia, for appointing and removing, in consultation with the Contact Group and the Parties, the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Multinational Force (MF), and the Commander and Deputy Commander of the Old City Policing Unit (PU).
5. The Special Representative shall periodically update and report to the Parties and the Contact Group regarding the activities of the IVG and its fulfillment of its responsibilities under the Agreement.
6. The Special Representative shall request those nations and organizations agreeable to the Parties to supply contingents of personnel and/or equipment to the MF and PU, in accordance with the Participation Agreement.
7. The Special Representative shall impress upon contributing nations and organizations the importance of continuity of service, and shall obtain their agreement not to withdraw their contingents without adequate prior notification to the Special Representative, as specified in the Participation Agreement.
8. The Special Representative will develop a media policy under the guidance of the contact group.



### **3. The Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat shall serve as the executive, logistic and administrative arm of the Special Representative at IVG headquarters, and shall be responsible for assisting the Special Representative in the performance of his responsibilities.
2. Members of the Secretariat shall be appointed by the Special Representative, from nations agreeable to the Parties. In the event that the Special Representative sees fit to employ nationals of the Parties in the Secretariat, he shall do so, inasmuch as possible, on an equal basis.
3. The Secretariat shall be based at the IVG headquarters.
4. In addition to its other responsibilities, the Secretariat shall serve as the administrative, logistic and organizational service-provider for all international or multi-party committees, groups and bodies established under the Agreement involving the IVG.

## 4. The Donors Group

1. The Donors Group shall be comprised of all countries and organizations who have undertaken an obligation for financial, personnel, logistic or other support for the IVG for the next financial year.
2. Members of the Donors Group shall receive periodic updates and reports from the Special Representative and the Secretariat regarding the activities of the IVG and its fulfillment of its responsibilities under the Agreement, as well as the use made of their contributions.
3. Once a year, the members of the Donors Group shall be invited to participate in the Plenary, in which the Special Representative will present and discuss the IVG's compliance with its work-plan and budget for the current financial year and its proposed work-plan and budget for the next financial year.
4. All financial contributions to the IVG shall conform to the financial year adopted by the IVG for its operations.
5. All obligations for personnel and logistic support shall be for periods which shall be of sufficient length so as to enable the IVG to integrate them into its operation with a minimum of turnaround.
6. The Special Representative shall develop criteria, conditions and requirements for financial, personnel and logistic support for the IVG.
7. The IVG and the Special Representative shall serve as the primary mechanism for discussion and dialogue between a donor country or organization and one or both of the Parties, in relation to the IVG.

## 5. The Multinational Force

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### General

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1. The IVG will establish a Multinational Force (MF), to provide security guarantees to the Parties, act as a deterrent, and oversee the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Agreement.
2. The MF shall be deployed within the State of Palestine. The MF Headquarters shall be established at an agreed upon location in the State of Palestine agreed upon between the IVG and the Palestinian authorities.
3. The Commander and Deputy Commander of the MF shall be appointed by and shall report to the Special Representative. The Commander and Deputy Commander of the MF shall be from different countries/nationalities.
4. The Commander of the MF shall be a former or current military officer holding the rank of Major General or above. The Deputy Commander of the MF shall be a former or current military officer holding the rank of Brigadier General or above.
5. Both the Commander and Deputy Commander of the MF shall serve for a minimum term of two years. In order to ensure maximum continuity, the Special Representative shall make best efforts not to replace both the Commander and Deputy Commander during the same year.
6. The MF shall consist of a Headquarters, a Military Component (MC), an Observer Unit (OU) and a Support Unit (SU).
7. All members of the MF, including the MC, OU and SU, shall be under the full command authority of the Commander of the MF, who reports to the Special Representative. The Commander shall promulgate the MF's Standing Operating Procedures. The Commander of the MF shall establish a chain of command incorporating the commanders of contingents made available to the MF through national or organizational contributions, under the approval of the Special Representative.
8. The Commander of the MF shall have a general responsibility for the good order of the MF and all its members. The Commander of the MF shall, in coordination with the Special representative, develop procedures for the coordination of disciplinary measures between the MF and the contributing countries and/or organizations.
9. Other than the MC, the other elements of the MF shall be unarmed.

10. The Commander of the MF shall be responsible for effective coordination with the Parties and establish a Coordination Committee (CC). The CC shall be comprised of the Commander or Deputy Commander of the MF, and appropriate representatives of the Parties.
11. The CC shall serve as the primary forum for coordination and liaison between the Parties and the MF.
12. The CC shall also include a Subcommittee for Intelligence Cooperation (SIC).
13. The MF shall establish a Joint MF-Palestine Operations Center (JOC), at MF Headquarters or at another agreed location within Palestine.

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## MF Headquarters

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14. The MF Headquarters will be organized to fulfill its duties in accordance with the Agreement and this Annex. It shall be manned by staff-trained officers of appropriate rank, provided by troop-contributing countries and organizations. Its organization will be determined by the Commander of the MF, who will assign staff positions on an equitable national/organizational/gender basis.

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## The Military Component

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15. The MC shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Provide security guarantees to the Parties, act as a deterrent against any threat or violence, and oversee the implementation of the relevant provisions of this Agreement.
  - b. Protect the territorial integrity of the state of Palestine.
  - c. Serve as a deterrent against external attacks that could threaten either of the Parties.
  - d. Guarantee the implementation of the corridor article.
  - e. Inspect shuttles and passengers in Sites of Religious Significance.
  - f. Escort shuttles on their route between the border crossing and Sites of Religious Significance.

- g. Be present at Sites of Religious Significance.
  - h. Monitor the implementation of the Mount of Olives Cemetery clause.
  - i. Help in the training of the PSF.
  - j. Help the PSF in the development of anti-terrorism measures.
  - k. Guarantee the secure access to the Israeli Early Warning Stations in the West Bank and provide escort to them.
  - l. Implement clause 5.12.ii and 5.12.iii of the agreement.
  - m. Patrol the designated roads at all times and assure the cooperation in emergency medical evacuation of Israelis from these roads.
  - n. Report to and update the IVG.
16. The MC shall consist of four mechanized infantry battalions totaling up to 3000 troops; an Aviation Unit; and a Gaza Coastal Patrol Unit.
  17. The MC shall be equipped with standard armament and equipment appropriate for peacekeeping and peace-enforcing operations. The Rules of Engagement of the MC shall be developed by the Commander of the MF, together with the Special Representative and the Parties.
  18. Three of the four MC battalions will be stationed and positioned in the Jordan Valley, along the border with Jordan. The fourth MC battalion will be stationed and positioned along the Egypt-Gaza Strip border. The battalions will operate both fixed positions and mobile patrols along these borders. Sub-units of the battalions will be deployed to the designated roads, to the designated places of religious significance and to other locations and sites agreed to by the Parties, for the purpose of escort missions. Exact location of the battalions will be agreed upon between the Palestinian authorities and the MF.
  19. The MC battalions will be equipped with cutting-edge modern observation capabilities that will enable them to assist the Palestinian forces in identifying and preventing infiltrations.
  20. The Aviation Unit will provide aerial reconnaissance and observation support to the MC and OU, through the use of helicopters and fixed-wing light aircraft equipped with modern observation capabilities.
  21. The Gaza Coastal Patrol Unit will operate rapid light-boats along the Gaza coast, and will assist the Palestinian forces in identifying and preventing naval infiltrations.

22. Members of the MC shall be chosen by the Commander of the MF, from nationalities agreed to by the Parties and the Special Representative. All members of the MC must meet the following conditions:
  - a. At least 10 years professional experience in military duties.
  - b. Full fluency in English.
  - c. Graduation from the IVG Pre-Deployment Course, to be developed by the Special Representative.

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## The Observer Unit

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23. The OU shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. Monitor and verify compliance of the PSF with the clause regarding the Defense Characteristics of the Palestinian State.
  - b. Deploy observers to areas adjacent to the lines of the Israeli withdrawal during the phases of the withdrawal.
  - c. Deploy observers to monitor the territorial and maritime borders of the state of Palestine, as specified in clause 5/13 of the Agreement.
  - d. Perform the functions on the Palestinian international border crossings specified in clause 5/12 of the Agreement.
  - e. Perform the functions relating to the early warning stations as specified in clause 5/8 of the Agreement.
  - f. Perform the functions specified in clause 5/3 of the Agreement.
  - g. Perform the functions specified in clause 5/7 of the Agreement.
  - h. Perform the functions specified in Article 10 of the Agreement.
  - i. Help in the enforcement of anti-terrorism measures.
  - j. Supervise the small Israeli military presence in the Jordan Valley authorized by the Agreement.
  - k. Monitor and verify that the EWS is being used for purposes recognized by this Agreement.
  - l. Monitor all border crossings to Palestine.
  - m. Monitor and verify the maintenance of border control by the PSF.
  - n. Report to and update the IVG.

24. The OU will consist of up to 300 civilian observers and shall have the transportation means and capabilities required in order to meet its obligations and tasks.
25. The OU may operate fixed observation posts along the Israel-Palestine borders and in specific locations inside Palestine.
26. The OU will have the authority to conduct challenge inspections, within one hour of notification, anywhere within Palestine, on the basis of information developed by it independently or received through third parties. The Palestinian authorities and forces will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to enable the OU to fulfill this obligation. OU challenge inspections will be escorted by Palestinian security forces and/or MF security personnel, as agreed between the MF and Palestine.
27. Members of the OU shall be chosen by the Commander of the MF, from nationalities agreed to by the Parties and the Special Representative. All members of the OU must meet the following conditions:
  - a. At least 10 years professional experience in policing, diplomatic, military, customs, intelligence or border control duties.
  - b. Full fluency in English. At least 20% should be also fluent in Arabic.
  - c. Graduation from the IVG Pre-Deployment Course, to be developed by the Special Representative.

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## The Support Unit

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28. The SU shall provide logistic, communication, transportation and other required support to both the MU and OU.
29. Members of the SU shall be chosen by the Commander of the MF, from nationalities agreed to by the Parties and the Special Representative. Members of the SU may be either military or civilian. All members of the SU must meet the following conditions:
  - a. Sufficient professional expertise in their area of specialty.
  - b. Full fluency in English.
  - c. Graduation from the IVG Pre-Deployment Course, to be developed by the Special Representative.

## 6. The Old City Policing Unit

1. The IVG will establish an Old City Policing Unit (PU), which shall operate in the Old City of Jerusalem in full coordination with the Parties.
2. The PU shall be responsible for the following:
  - a. To serve as a liaison and coordination mechanism between the police forces of the two Parties in the Old City.
  - b. To assist the police forces of the two Parties in the Old City in the performance of their duties, in agreed-upon activities.
  - c. To serve as a mechanism for defusing localized tensions and resolving local disputes in the Old City.
  - d. To administer and perform joint training activities with the Parties' respective police forces in the Old City.
  - e. Supervise the preservation and maintenance of The Western Wall Tunnel in accordance with the Agreement and without damaging structures above.
  - f. To perform observation, supervision and monitoring duties in the following sites and locations:
    - i. The entry and exit points into and from the Old City.
    - ii. The Western Wall Tunnel.
    - iii. Throughout the Old City in the form of mobile patrols, as developed and agreed with the Parties.
    - iv. Other locations and sites agreed to by the Parties.
  - g. To perform policing duties in the following sites and locations:
    - i. Along the way leading from the Jaffa Gate to the Zion Gate.
    - ii. The designated access road to the Mount of Olives Cemetery.
    - iii. Other locations and sites agreed to by the Parties.
3. While fulfilling its mandate, as detailed above, the PU is bound to preserve, and refrain from disrupting, the daily life and historic character of the Old City. Accordingly, the PU shall be guided by a policy of restraint in all of its activities.
4. The PU shall be based at the PU headquarters, to be established at an agreed upon location in the Old City. The PU shall also have a representative office at IVG headquarters.



5. The Commander and Deputy Commander of the PU shall be appointed by and shall report to the Special Representative. The Commander and Deputy Commander of the PU shall be from different countries/nationalities.
6. Both the Commander and Deputy Commander of the PU shall serve for a minimum term of two years. In order to ensure maximum continuity, the Special Representative shall make best efforts not to replace both the Commander and Deputy Commander during the same year.
7. The PU shall consist of a headquarters, a Joint Situation Room, a policing unit, and supporting staff and administrative personnel as required for the performance of its responsibilities.
8. Members of the PU policing unit shall be chosen by the Commander of the PU, from nationalities agreed to by the Parties and the Special Representative. All members of the policing unit must meet the following conditions:
  - a. At least 10 years professional experience in police duties.
  - b. Full fluency in English. At least 20% should be also fluent in Arabic and/or Hebrew.
  - c. Graduation from the IVG Pre-Deployment Course, to be developed by the Special Representative.
  - d. Graduation from the IVG Jerusalem Policing-Support Course, to be developed by the Special Representative, in cooperation with the Parties.
9. Appointment of PU supporting and administrative employees shall be the responsibility of the Commander of the PU, with the approval of the Special Representative.
10. The PU shall maintain and operate a Joint Situation Room (JSR) in the Old City, which shall include members of the police forces of both Parties. The JSR shall serve as a joint command center for emergency, crisis and cooperative situations and operations in the Old City.
11. The PU shall have the right to hold for a very short period individuals suspected of having committed a violation of the relevant prevailing laws (hereinafter referred to as "Temporary Detainees"), in the following cases:
  - a. In the areas, locations and sites in which the PU exercises policing duties.
  - b. In other situations, areas, locations or sites agreed to by the Parties.

12. The PU will maintain and operate a Temporary Holding Facility (THF) in an agreed location, for the purpose of holding Temporary Detainees. The conditions of detention in the THF and the regulations applicable thereto shall conform to high international standards of detention, and shall be agreed with the Parties.
13. All Temporary Detainees shall be transferred to the relevant Party, in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of the Agreement, as soon as possible and not later than 12 hours of their detention. Under no circumstances will the PU engage in any investigative or interrogative activities in relation to Temporary Detainees.
14. In the areas, locations and sites in which the PU exercises policing duties, and in other sites and locations agreed with the Parties, the PU shall have the authority to conduct personal searches, to enter and search premises and vehicles, and to seize and temporarily hold objects, in accordance with modalities to be developed with the Parties. All object seized and held by the PU shall be transferred to the relevant Party, in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of the Agreement, within 24 hours of their seizure.
15. PU personnel shall wear a distinctive uniform, to be coordinated with the Parties.
16. The PU will be entitled to maintain and operate land transportation vehicles and capabilities commensurate with the requirements of its mandate, whilst giving due regard to the special character of the Old City. The exact number and type of vehicles of the PU shall be determined by the PU Commander, with the agreement of the Parties.
17. Throughout its operations, the PU and its personnel may use and deploy less-than-lethal weapons and capabilities. In addition, in areas, locations and sites in which it performs policing duties, the PU may provide its personnel with handguns, to be used solely for self defense purposes. Apart from the above, the PU may not deploy, use or maintain firearms.
18. The PU shall employ modern camera and video surveillance equipment and capabilities, linked to the JSR.
19. The areas, locations and sites of agreed PU operation and activity will be detailed in a map agreed by the Parties. The map shall be amended and updated, as required, through agreement between the IVG and the Parties.

## 7. The Dispute Settlement Mechanism

1. The Parties shall strive to resolve all disputes relating to the interpretation or application of the Agreement through negotiations.
2. **The High Steering Committee shall serve as the highest forum for the resolution of disputes between the Parties.**
3. If a dispute is not settled promptly through negotiations, including by the High Steering Committee, either Party may submit the dispute to mediation and conciliation by sending a formal request to the Special Representative (the "IVG Dispute Resolution Request").
4. Upon receipt of the Dispute Resolution Request, the Special Representative shall immediately enter into discussions with the Parties in order to ascertain the facts of the dispute and to prepare a recommendation to the Parties concerning the mediation and conciliation mechanism appropriate for the specific dispute and on the identity of the recommended mediator/conciliator.
5. The Parties will decide on the mechanism of mediation and conciliation to be adopted, as well as on the identity of the mediator or conciliator, whilst giving high consideration to the recommendations of the Special Representative in this regard.
6. In the event that the Parties agree that they are unable to resolve the dispute within 14 days through the IVG mediation and conciliation mechanism adopted under this Article, either Party may refer the dispute to additional dispute resolution mechanisms, under Articles 16(4) of the Agreement.
7. Upon the conclusion of an IVG dispute resolution process, the Special Representative shall prepare for the Parties a report, detailing the background of the dispute and the results of the IVG dispute resolution process. The Secretariat shall maintain an archive of all such dispute resolution reports.

## **8. Identification**

1. The IVG will have an emblem and a flag, as coordinated with the Parties. Specific organs and bodies of the IVG may have an additional identifying emblem and/or uniforms, if required.
2. IVG personnel will carry an IVG identification card, in English, Arabic and Hebrew, to be issued by the IVG, in accordance with modalities to be developed by the Special Representative with the Parties.
3. IVG vehicles will bear an IVG license plate, to be issued by the IVG, in accordance with modalities to be developed by the Special Representative with the Parties.

## **9. Training and Orientation**

1. The IVG shall develop detailed training and orientation courses and materials for the various elements of the IVG, including those courses detailed above, to ensure that all IVG personnel commence their activities in the region with a good understanding of the realities and sensitivities of the situation and their role and position therein.

# Organization Chart Implementation and Verification Group (IVG)





