

## Designated Roads

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## **1. Background and Objectives**

1. Pursuant to Section 9 of the Geneva Accord, within the framework of the permanent agreement, Israeli civilians shall be able to cross between one part of Israeli territory and another part of Israeli territory through territories in the State of Palestine: Road 443; Road 90 the section between Ein Gedi and Beit She'an; and Road 1 the section between Jerusalem and Beit Arava junction (hereinafter: "the designated roads") – without the need for regular procedures required for crossing the border between the countries.
2. The objective of this annex is to determine principles and procedures for the use of these roads.

## **2. Sovereignty**

The State of Palestine shall have full sovereignty over the designated roads, and the Palestinian law shall apply to them.

### **3. Joint Investment**

Israel and Palestine shall jointly invest in order to maintain and develop the roads.

### **4. Palestinian Vehicle Traffic on the Designated Roads**

1. The law for Palestinian vehicle traffic on the designated roads shall be as the law on any other road in the State of Palestine.
2. A driver of a Palestinian vehicle driving on a designated road shall not enter the State of Israel unless through regular border crossing points and according to procedures of each border crossing point.

## 5. Israeli Vehicle Traffic on the Designated Roads

1. Close to each of the junctions designated for entrance and exit of Israeli vehicles to and from the designated roads an Israeli control station shall be erected (hereinafter: "the control station") on the Israeli territory.
2. A driver of an Israeli vehicle shall not begin his journey on the designated road before stopping at the control station, where identification and registration of the passengers shall take place, and a tracking device shall be installed on the vehicle; the driver of a vehicle with a permanent tracking device shall stop at the control station for identification and registration of the passengers only.
3. At the conclusion of the journey on the designated road the driver shall stop at a similar control station in order to enable the authorized bodies to ensure that all the passengers who were registered at the time of entrance to the road are present in the vehicle, and in order to return the tracking device, if he received one.
4. A driver of an Israeli vehicle traveling on a designated road shall not enter the State of Palestine outside of the areas of the designated road, unless it is via an organized transfer designated for this purpose, and according to the regulations determined at this crossing point.
5. A driver of an Israel vehicle traveling on a designated road may stop the vehicle only in the case of emergency or at a rest area along Road 90.

## 6. The Multinational Force

1. The multinational force which shall be established pursuant to the instructions of Section 5(f) to the Geneva Accord shall carry out regular patrols on the designated roads, so that at all times there shall be at least two patrol cars of the multinational force on each of the designated roads.
2. Representatives of the multinational force patrolling the designated roads shall assist the Parties to fulfill their roles according to this annex, inasmuch as it is required by the Parties or according to the instructions hereinafter, and on the condition that this assistance shall not exceed the mandate awarded to them.

## 7. Control Rooms

1. Israeli Control Rooms shall be on Israeli territory. Palestinian Control Rooms shall be on Palestinian territory.
2. The Israeli control room shall track the Israeli vehicles during their journey on the designated roads, using the tracking devices installed in them.
3. In case an Israeli driver deviates from the route and it appears that the vehicle is going to enter territory of the State of Palestine which is outside of the borders of the designated road, an immediate warning shall be sent to him from the Israeli control room. If after receipt of the warning the vehicle shall not return to the permitted route, the Israeli control room shall notify the Palestinian control room of the incident, and the latter shall activate Palestinian security forces which shall halt the vehicle and turn the driver to Israeli authorities to continue proceedings.
4. The control rooms of the three sides shall upkeep a continual communication between them, and report to each other immediately on any exceptional incidents that come to their knowledge or that they handled, including:
  - a. Suspicious Israeli vehicle located on a designated road.
  - b. Deviation of vehicle from the route while traveling on the road.
  - c. Road accident.
  - d. Halting of an Israeli vehicle by the Palestinian security forces.
5. Israeli, Palestinian and multinational representatives of the control rooms shall meet with each other when necessary in order to discuss past and future events and to exchange information.

## 8. Security

1. The Palestinian government and the security forces operating on its behalf shall bear the full security responsibility for what occurs on the designated roads.
2. In the case of the occurrence of a security incident on the designated road, the Palestinian security forces shall immediately go to the location and take the necessary action. If an Israeli citizen is involved, the multinational force shall also go to the location of the incident whereby it shall be its role to supervise and coordinate between the Israeli and Palestinian sides.
3. An Israeli citizen who is not a member of the security forces shall not be permitted on the designated road with weapons or ammunition in his possession.
4. The Parties to the agreement shall formulate emergency procedures together according to which they shall operate in the case of a security incident whenever an Israeli citizen is involved on the designated road.
5. Both the Israeli security forces and the Palestinian security forces, shall take steps to prevent smuggling of goods from and to their territories via the designated roads, including collection and exchange of information and random checking of contents of vehicles or in the case of suspicion.

## **9. Jurisdiction**

1. The Israeli courts shall be the exclusive judicial authority for criminal proceedings taken against an Israeli civilian for crimes committed during the use of a designated road. Penalties collected for minor traffic violations in Israeli court will be transferred to the Palestinian Authority.
2. The State of Israel shall report to the Palestinian authorities regarding the progress of the proceedings and the results of any criminal proceeding being conducted against an Israeli citizen for a crime committed during use of the designated road.



## 10. Medical Treatment

1. The Palestinian authorities shall be responsible for providing appropriate medical treatment for any individual needing such treatment while located on the designated road (hereinafter: "individual needing medical treatment").
2. In the case of need, and pursuant to the request of the authorized Palestinian entities or with their approval, an Israel rescue vehicle shall be sent to treat the individual needing medical treatment. In the event that there is need for evacuation of the injured individual via Israeli helicopter – the Parties shall determine between them where the helicopter shall land and how it shall be secured.
3. An individual needing medical treatment shall be transferred by the rescue security forces that were called to the location to a Palestinian or Israeli hospital, according to their medical judgment; for a Palestinian rescue vehicle evacuating the injured to an Israeli hospital – entrance to Israeli territory shall be permitted after a quick inspection only.
4. In case an individual needing medical treatment is an Israeli citizen, efforts shall be made to evacuate him using Israeli rescue forces to an Israeli hospital, and on the condition that this shall not cause any medical harm; an Israeli who is evacuated to a Palestinian hospital shall be transferred as soon as possible to an Israeli hospital.
5. The multinational force shall be involved in any event of medical evacuation or medical treatment given to Israeli citizens on the designated road. The involvement of the multinational force shall not delay immediate medical treatment.

## **11. Insurance**

An insurance certificate issued to an Israeli vehicle according to the Motorized Vehicle Insurance Order (New Version) 1970, shall also be valid on the designated roads, if the journey on the road was made only for the purpose of journey from one Israeli territory to another, as aforementioned in Section 1(a) to this annex. In case of an accident each driver or passenger will have to deal only with his own insurance company. Israel and Palestine will establish a joint committee that will establish rules and procedures for settling mutual damages claim among Israeli and Palestinian insurance companies.

# Map 1. Designated Roads



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- Israel
- Palestine

