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## West Bank-Gaza Corridor

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## **1. Background and Objectives**

The objective of this annex is to specify the principles and procedures for the establishment and operation of a corridor which will link the West Bank and the Gaza Strip (hereinafter: “the corridor”), in accordance with Section 4(6) of the Geneva Accord.

## **2. Sovereignty and Administration**

1. The corridor will be under Israeli sovereignty.
2. The corridor will be under Palestinian administration.

### **3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

1. Palestinian law will determine the administration and use of the corridor, and will apply to all persons, vehicles and utilities using it.
2. Palestinian courts will have preferential jurisdiction over breaches of law taking place within the corridor.

## 4. Route and Physical Structure

1. The corridor will run between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
2. The exact route of the corridor will be determined by Israel in consultation with the Palestinian authorities, according to, inter alia, topographic, environmental, climatic, security and planning considerations, while trying to find the shortest route possible.
3. The corridor's roadway will be lower than ground level.
4. In certain places the corridor's roadway will be covered, or will turn into a tunnel, in order to allow passage of vehicles, persons and animals across the corridor. Alternatively, an upper bridge will be built for these purposes.
5. Several emergency interchanges will be built along the corridor's route. These interchanges will be normally closed to traffic, and will only be opened for security, safety or emergency reasons, and in coordination with both sides.
6. The corridor will be wide enough to allow for a two-lane highway to each direction, as well as for railway and other infrastructure lines, and high enough for any vehicle to pass through in accordance with international standards.
7. In determining the route of the corridor, its curves, inclines, etc., the infrastructure facilities planned to be built in the corridor must be taken into account.

## 5. Infrastructure

1. The Palestinian Government may establish along the corridor underground infrastructure facilities linking the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including, inter alia:
  - a. High voltage lines
  - b. Fuel pipe
  - c. Water Pipe
  - d. Communication cables (including data communication)
2. The Palestinian Government may construct a railway line along the corridor.

## 6. Security

1. No individual will enter or exit the corridor except through the designated entry/exit points at the Gaza Strip and the West Bank; in case of emergency, exit may also be permitted through the emergency interchanges.
2. A security system will be established along the corridor. This system will include:
  - a. A barrier along the corridor.
  - b. Closed-circuit television cameras and other electronic surveillance equipment.
  - c. An Israeli security force which will be located outside the corridor and will be responsible for securing its route.
  - d. A Palestinian security force which will be responsible for law enforcement inside the corridor.
3. Entrances and exits into/from the corridor will be under the exclusive responsibility of the Palestinian State.
4. Each Party will establish an operations room, which will receive data from the surveillance systems established along the corridor. The monitoring rooms of both sides will communicate with each other on a regular basis.
5. No weapons transportation will be allowed through the corridor, unless explicitly agreed upon by both sides. Weapons approved for transportation will be transported in electronically locked containers, whose location and status (open/closed) will be monitored by the Israeli operations room.
6. The Palestinian police forces will be allowed to carry handguns in the corridor.
7. The corridor will be permanently open, and may be closed only when the Palestinian Government desires to and when the IVG approves its closure upon the request of Israel.

## **7. Financing**

1. The international community will raise funds for the construction of the corridor.
2. The Palestinian government will bear the costs of the maintenance and operation of the corridor.

