

Talking Points on Mitchell Report November 2007

- More than 6 years after the Mitchell Report, Israel has failed to carry out the vast majority of report's recommendations. In fact, Israel has acted in direct contravention of the most of the conclusions in the report.
- In contrast, the PA has been implementing the recommendations in good faith, with respect to cessation of violence, end of incitement and re-establishing security cooperation, among others.

The GOI should **freeze all settlement activity**, including the "natural growth" of existing settlements. The kind of security cooperation desired by the GOI cannot for long co-exist with settlement activity.

- Needless to say, settlements have expanded and the wall continues to be built on Palestinian land.

The GOI and the PA should immediately **resume security cooperation**.

- Israel continues to carry out unilateral acts of violence in the West Bank, causing death of civilians and destruction of property, and refuses to engage meaningfully with the PA on security cooperation, as demonstrated by the recent incursions in Nablus.

The GOI should **lift closures ... and permit Palestinians who have been employed in Israel to return to their jobs**, and should ensure that security forces and settlers **refrain from the destruction of homes and roads, as well as trees and other agricultural property** in Palestinian areas.

- Rather than lifting the closures, as required by international law and as agreed in the AMA, Israel has actually intensified the closure regime in the West Bank, with upward of 550 obstacles to movement currently in place.
- Israel has not allowed the more than 60,000 Palestinian workers to resume employment in Israel.
- Demolition of homes, uprooting of trees and destruction of Palestinian property continues to be carried out on a regular basis by Israel.