



May 30, 2007

Lt.-Gen. Pietro Pistolese
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Dear Lt.-Gen. Pistolese,

I am writing in response to your letter of 25 May 2007, in which you request an update on the agreed actions set out in Annex B to the CEC draft meeting minutes.

Regarding Paragraph 1 of your letter, I draw to your attention the fact that the Palestinian side had requested additional time to finalise our review of the draft minutes. The EU BAM was agreeable to our request at the time. Furthermore, regarding issues solely between the PA and the EU BAM (as in this case), I would request, in the future, that they be raised and addressed bilaterally and not in correspondence addressed to the CEC.

With respect to the agreed actions by the Palestinian side:

8. Maintenance of technical equipment at RCP: Fibre Optic cable (agenda item 4.8):

We are still seeking Israeli approval to mount the cable on 3 meter poles. As was explained in the CEC meeting, we cannot proceed without such approval.

9. Maintenance of technical equipment at RCP: Repairs of the DVR's and Cameras (agenda item 4.8):

According to GACB officials, all cameras have been fixed.

11. Pending issues (agenda item 4.10):

a. List of names of the workers and number of RCP staff:

The GACB is compiling a complete list and expects to have it ready for distribution at the next CEC meeting.

b. Need to issue new security identity cards for the reassessed PAL staff at RCP:

This issuance of ID cards has been delayed due to the fact that equipment needed for making the ID cards is not yet available.

I take this opportunity to raise the issue of continuous access by the EU BAM to the RCP. This has previously been discussed in the SWG, but it is not clear how it has been resolved. As the USSC asserts that the issue has been resolved between the EU BAM, GoI, and GoE, I kindly request a confirmation of this from you as well as an explanation of any new arrangement(s) to ensure continuous access by the EU BAM to the RCP.

I hope this letter sufficiently addresses your questions and look forward to seeing you at the next CEC meeting. In the meantime, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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