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Dear Shalom,

I thank you for your letter dated August 16th 2007 agreeing to reactive the Joint Committees and setting out the Israeli counterparts responsible for each.

In order to facilitate the work of the Joint Committees and to clarify their respective roles, will follow the same structure, mandate and procedures established under the Israel – Palestine Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip ("The Interim Agreement").

Accordingly, we request reconvening the following Joint Committees and their respective subcommittees: The Joint Israeli – Palestinian Liaison Committee, The Joint Coordination and Cooperation Committee for Mutual Security Purposes, The Joint Civil Affairs Coordination and Cooperation Committee, The Joint Legal Committee, The Joint Economic Committee and the Standing Cooperation Committee.

The committee heads on the Palestinian sides will be those ministers whose spheres of authority correspond to the subjects covered by the mandate of each committee: The Prime Minister will head the Joint Israeli – Palestinian Liaison Committee, The Minister of Interior will head the Joint Coordination and Cooperation Committee for Mutual Security Purposes, The Minister responsible for Civil Affairs will head the Joint Civil Affairs Coordination and Cooperation Committee, The Minister of Justice will head the Joint Legal Committee, the Minister of National Economy will head the Joint Economic Committee and the Minister of (Regional Cooperation???) will head the Standing Cooperation Committee.

We suggest that the Ministers from each side exchange lists of the committee and sub committee members and subjects to be discussed by their respective committees and sub committees directly.

**Sincerely,
Dr. Saab Areikat**