Procedural Modalities for Palestinian-Israeli Permanent Status Negotiations

The Palestinian and Israeli delegations to the Permanent Status Negotiations, seeking to establish a positive and productive environment, and to ensure the smooth and efficient conduct of negotiations between them, shall apply the following procedures in good faith and a spirit of cooperation:

1. Liaison

Each delegation shall designate a liaison officer ("Liaison Officer"). The Liaison Officer shall serve as the point of contact for all procedural issues covered in this protocol related to permanent status negotiations.

2. Scheduling of Meetings

- a. The two delegations shall agree on the time, date, and venue of each meeting in advance of the meeting.
- b. Any proposed changes (time, date, or venue) to scheduled meetings shall be communicated, as soon as practicable, to the control of the other side.
- c. Unless otherwise agreed, the delegations shall meet at least twice each week.
- d. Unless otherwise agreed, the meetings of the delegations each week shall be hosted by each delegation alternately.

3. Participation

- a. Without prejudice to the right of the Palestine Liberation Organization ("PLO") and the Government of Israel ("GOI"), respectively, to select the members of its own delegation and support staff, each delegation shall provide the other, as far in advance of each meeting as possible, and preferably at least 24 hours in advance, with a list containing the names of the members of the delegation and support staff who plan to attend the meeting.
- b. Any changes to such lists shall be communicated, as soon as practicable, to the Liaison Officer of the other side.
- c. The Head of each delegation may invite additional persons to participate in the meetings.

4. Meeting Agendas

a. At each meeting between the two delegations, they shall agree on the issues to be discussed at the following meeting.

- b. Any proposed changes to the agreed agenda shall be communicated, as soon as practicable, to the Liaison Officer of the other side.
- Each delegation shall have the right to raise additional, related issues for discussion at each meeting.

5. Minutes of Meetings

- a. Each delegation shall be responsible for taking notes and producing its own minutes.
- b. Unless otherwise agreed by the two delegations, there shall be no audio or visual monitoring or recording of the negotiations.

6. Security

- Unless otherwise agreed, no firearms or any other types of weapons shall be permitted in the negotiating room.
- b. Unless otherwise agreed, no security personnel of either party shall be permitted to enter the negotiating room.

The procedures defined herein shall enter into effect upon signing.

For the Palestinian Delegation

For the Israeli Delegation

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