



# EUBAM Rafah

European Union Border Assistance Mission in Rafah

**Subject:** - “4th Coordination and Evaluation Committee” meeting on 20 December, 10.00 hrs in Jerusalem at the Delegation of the European Commission;  
- Agreed Actions.

**Reference:** 1) “Agreed Arrangement on the European Union Border Assistance Mission at the Rafah Crossing Point on the Gaza-Egypt border”, Art. III, Para 6,  
2) Previous “Coordination and Evaluation Committee” meeting on 20 November 2006, in Jerusalem (Delegation of the EC)

**Date:** 20 December 2006

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

### **3.1 Adherence to APRC provisions on continuous operation of RCP:**

- *EUBAM HOM reiterated the EU position about the need for normalisation of operations at RCP.*
- *PA Delegation also talked about the need for complete normalisation at RCP immediately, particularly before the return of the Hajj Pilgrims. Dr. Erekat requested the assurances of the ISR Delegation that the Crossing will be open at the very least between the 29th of December and the 9th January - to allow the Hajj pilgrims to return home and other Palestinians to visit their families in Gaza during the Muslim and Christian holidays, but stressed that it should be open all days, and not just during this period.*

### **3.2 Procedures for dealing with non-PA ID card holders:**

#### **➤ Extension of exceptional categories:**

- *The present notification system will be continued until the end of the present mandate (24 May 2007).*

### **3.3 Registry of PA ID card holders (Status of complete list to be submitted by GOI to the PA):**

- *Bi-lateral coordination and meetings between the GOI and PA will continue regarding the issue of the PA registry, once the PA have studied the registry given to them by GOI on 19 December.*



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## **3.4 PA definitions for the excepted categories according the Protocol on Security Implementation Procedures:**

- *The definitions submitted by the PA will be studied by the GOI and EUBAM. A meeting to discuss this issue involving the Parties and with US representation will be convened by EUBAM before the next CEC meeting.*

## **3.5 Customs related issue:**

### ➤ **GOI signature and implementation of Customs Protocol (agreed in Feb 2006) allowing for commercial imports through Kerem Shalom**

- *The GOI will make every effort to have the Customs Protocol signed as soon as possible.*

## **3.6 Maintenance of technical equipment at RCP:**

### ➤ **Optic fibre cable trenched (images and data transfer from terminal to LO)**

- *To follow up.*

### ➤ **Import of Egyptian donation N° 4221 through KSCP to RCP (state of play)**

- *The ISR delegation will contact the Israeli Ministry of Transport in order to expedite the authority for the import of the tractor and bus.*
- *To follow up.*

## **3.7 Analysis of the events happened at RCP on 14 December 2006:**

- *It was agreed that the Parties, the US and the EU would check with the Egyptians that the policy described by Dr Erekat about the money issue was in fact extant.*

## **3.8 Needs to set up a procedure in case of "suspension" of operations at RCP:**

- *Parties are invited to check the legal basis for it.*
- *It was suggest that an ad-hoc committee could study this issue before it is discussed at the SWG.*
- *PAL delegation reiterated that crisis prevention and management should be dealt with through the Liaison Office. Suspension procedures are a PAL decision.*

## **3.9 Miscellaneous:**

- *5<sup>th</sup> CEC meeting on Monday 12 February 2007 at 10.00 hrs.*

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