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1. THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 IN GENEVA. ISRAEL HAS INFORMED REVCON SECRETARIAT AND DEPARTMENT THAT IT WILL REQUEST OBSERVER STATUS, AS IT HAS DONE AT THE PAST TWO REVCONS IN 1975 AND 1988. THE USG WILL AGAIN MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT OBSERVER STATUS IS GRANTED. WHILE THERE IS NO SIGN YET OF AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO CHALLENGE ISRAELI PARTICIPATION, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF REACTION TO ISRAELI BOMBING OF THE IRAQI REACTOR IN 1981.

3. WE SEE NO BASIS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OR IN THE PRACTICE OF PREVIOUS REVCONS FOR THE 1985 REVCON TO ACCEPT OTHER STATES AS OBSERVERS BUT DENY ISRAEL’S REQUEST. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD CONSTITUTE UNJUSTIFIABLE DISCRIMINATION AND, ALTHOUGH THE NPT REVCON IS NOT SPONSORED BY THE UN, WOULD SET AN UNDESIRABLE AND DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR UN BODIES.

4. AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT PLAN TO MAKE FORMAL DEMARCHES IN THE CAPITALS OF NPT PARTY STATES IN ORDER TO AVOID STIMULATING AN ISSUE WHICH MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY HANDLED AT THE REVCON, AS WAS THE CASE IN 1980. NONETHELESS, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT WE FOREWARN IN A LOW-KEY WAY THE SOVIET UNION AND MAJOR US ALLIES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE NPT OF THE US INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE REVCON SHOULD ISRAEL BE DENIED OBSERVER STATUS WHEN SUCH STATUS IS GRANTED TO OTHER STATES. ACTION POSTS SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS DISCREETLY BUT CLEARLY AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF HOST GOVERNMENTS:

--- AS IN THE PAST ISRAEL HAS APPLIED FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA WHICH BEGINS AUGUST 27.

--- WE HOPE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BLOCK THE OBSERVER STATUS REQUEST BY ISRAEL. WHICH UNDER THE RULES OF THE REVCON HAS AS MUCH RIGHT TO OBSERVER STATUS AS ANY OTHER NON-PARTY NON-SIGNATORY STATE THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A PARTY. REJECTION OF THE REQUEST WOULD CONSTITUTE UNJUSTIFIABLE DISCRIMINATION AND WOULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES.

--- THE USG DELEGATION WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PREVENT CRITICISM OF ISRAEL DEVELOPING INTO REJECTION OF OBSERVER STATUS. WE DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE FORMALLY THE ISSUE WITH CAPITALS OF NPT PARTY STATES UNLESS THIS BECOMES NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH WE ARE INFORMALLY COMMUNICATING THE US POSITION TO THE SOVIET UNION AND A FEW MAJOR FRIENDLY NPT PARTY STATES.

--- WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT, CONSISTENT WITH USG STATED POLICY ON ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IF ISRAEL IS DENIED OBSERVER STATUS WHILE OTHER STATES ARE GRANTED SUCH STATUS, THE US WILL LEAVE THE REVCON.

5. IF ASKED ABOUT THE US POSITION ON ADMITTING THE PLO TO OBSERVER STATUS, YOU MAY NOTE THAT THE US DOES NOT PLAN TO OPPOSE AN APPLICATION FROM ANY STATE OR ORGANIZATION WHICH MEETS THE CRITERIA OF THE REVCON RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR OBSERVER STATUS. WHITREAD BT
MEMORANDUM

TO: NSC - Mr. Donald Mahley
FROM: ACDA/NWC - Norman A. Wulf
SUBJECT: NPT Review Conference: Observer Status for Israel

Attached is the memo for Mr. McFarlane on the Israel issue that we understand was signed and forwarded on Friday.

Attachment:
As stated
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NPT Review Conference: Observer Status for Israel

Israel has requested observer status at the Review Conference (RevCon) of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which begins in Geneva August 27. The rules of the conference provide that non-parties may so apply and several other states are expected to do so. There may, however, be a hostile reaction to the Israeli request because Israel does not accept International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards on all its nuclear facilities, is widely perceived to have a nuclear weapons program and, in 1981, bombed an IAEA safeguarded reactor in Iraq.

We hope that the RevCon will decide to accept Israel as an observer with no more than objections for the record, as was done at the last RevCon in 1980. If this issue becomes controversial, however, our delegation will seek to negotiate an agreement at the RevCon to prevent rejection of Israeli observer status. Acting Secretary Whitehead and ACDA Director Adelman have agreed that the USG will withdraw from the RevCon if it rejects observer status for Israel while granting such status to other non-party states or organizations. To complicate matters, the PLO is likely to request for the first time, and be granted, observer status at the RevCon.

We plan to give our delegation maximum flexibility to resolve this issue at the Conference, as in 1980. If we are not able to cut a deal which handles this problem behind the scenes, a fully credible USG threat to withdraw from the RevCon is consistent with our policy on Israeli representation in other international fora. We believe this posture has the best chance of heading off a successful challenge to Israel's admission to observer status. If the issue comes to a vote,
the prospects of success are not good. US withdrawal from the RevCon would increase the chances of adoption of damaging arms control and perhaps other undesirable provisions in a final declaration. It could also adversely affect the longer term viability of the NPT. Not standing by the principle of non-discriminatory treatment for Israel, however, would threaten our ability to defend Israel's participation in other fora, including the IAEA. If Israeli rights and privileges in the IAEA are affected, our own participation in the organization may be ended, thereby seriously undermining a vital part of the non-proliferation regime.

We are informally making known to the Soviet Union and our major allies among NPT party states our decision to withdraw from the review if Israel is denied observer status at the RevCon.

Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary
MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

SUBJECT: Statement for the Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Agreement with Israel, April 21, 1988, 10:00 a.m.

This memorandum forwards an NSC-drafted statement that Marlin Fitzwater will issue following the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Israel.

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Statement

cc: Marlin Fitzwater
White House Statement

Today, on the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence, the United States and Israel have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This MOA formalizes and perpetuates the bilateral U.S. and Israeli consultative groups that meet periodically to discuss joint military, security assistance, and economic developmental questions.

The MOA reiterates for the public record our long-standing relationship of strategic cooperation with Israel. Strategic cooperation can only succeed when there are shared interests, including the commitment to building peace and stability in the region.

It reflects the enduring U.S. commitment to Israel's security. That commitment will never flag. The U.S. commitment to peace will also not flag. The President knows that a strong Israel is necessary if peace is to be possible. He also knows that Israel can never be truly secure without peace.

To that end, the President has asked Secretary of State Shultz to continue his peace-making efforts, seeking a comprehensive settlement which will include provision for Israeli security and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. The President remains convinced that our peace initiative is balanced and offers the only realistic basis on which to make progress.

The President reiterates his appeal to the leaders in the region not to miss this opportunity to move ahead and get to productive peace negotiations. This is an objective that Israel has fervently sought over the last 40 years.
Memorandum for Paul Schott Stevens

From: Robert B. Oakley

Subject: Statement for the Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Agreement with Israel, April 21, 1988, 10:00 a.m.

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memo to Rhett Dawson, forwarding the statement that Marlin Fitzwater will issue following the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with Israel. Marybel Batjer concurs.

Recommendation

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve [✓] Disapprove [ ]

Attachments

Tab I  Memo to Rhett Dawson
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 19, 1988

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

DATE: April 21, 1988
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 10:00 - 10:05 a.m.
FROM: COLIN L. POWELL

I. PURPOSE

To sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Israel.

II. BACKGROUND

The MOA formalizes our relationship of strategic cooperation with Israel. It institutionalizes our bilateral consultative groups that work on joint military cooperation, security assistance, and economic developmental questions in Israel. The MOA reflects our mutual stake in strategic cooperation, while also highlighting our enduring commitment to Israel. Highlighting the latter is especially important if the government of Israel is to feel confident enough to make peace, the best guarantor of Israeli security.

III. PARTICIPANTS

List of participants is at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer, photograph to be distributed to wire services. Statement to be released by Marlin Fitzwater.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:00 - 10:05 a.m. Signing of Documents and Photo Op - Oval Office

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)
TALKING POINTS

-- We take great pride in signing this Memorandum of Agreement today, the 40th anniversary of Israel's independence.

-- This agreement formalizes our relationship of strategic cooperation. It reflects the enduring U.S. commitment to Israel's security. We know well that a strong Israel is necessary if peace is to be possible. We also know that Israel can never be truly secure without peace. Our commitment will never flag.

-- I have asked George Shultz to continue his efforts. We remain convinced that our initiative is balanced and offers the only realistic basis on which to make progress. This is the time to say yes to peace.
Participants List

United States

The President
The Vice President
Acting Secretary Whitehead
Howard Baker
Ken Duberstein
John Negroponte
Edward P. Djerejian,
   Acting Assistant Secretary of State
Robert B. Oakley (Notetaker)

Israel

Moshe Arad, Ambassador of Israel
Oded Eran, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel
Pinchas Dror-Alon, Minister, Embassy of Israel
Abraham Ben-Joseph, Minister for Economic Affairs,
   Embassy of Israel
Major General Amos Yaron, Defense Attache, Embassy of Israel
ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT: Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Israel, April 21, 1988, 10:00 a.m.

Attached at Tab I is the briefing memo to the President for the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Agreement with Israel.

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve   Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Talking Points with 3x5 cards
Tab B List of Participants

Prepared by:
Dennis B. Ross

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REGARDING
JOINT POLITICAL, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

PREAMBLE

The parties to this Memorandum of Agreement reaffirm the close relationship between Israel and the United States of America, based upon common goals, interests, and values; welcome the achievements made in strategic, economic, industrial, and technological cooperation; recognize the mutual benefits of the Israel-United States Free Trade Agreement; take note of United States economic and security assistance to Israel; and note that Israel is currently designated, for the purposes of Section 1105 of the 1987 National Defense Authorization Act, as a major non-NATO ally of the United States. The parties wish to enhance their relationship through the establishment of a comprehensive framework for continued consultation and cooperation and have reached the following agreements in order to achieve this aim.
ARTICLE I

Israel and the United States recognize the value of their unique dialogue and agree to continue frequent consultations and periodic meetings between the President and the Prime Minister, between the Secretary of State and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, between the Secretary of Defense and the Minister of Defense, and between other Cabinet-level officials. In these meetings, international and bilateral issues of immediate and significant concern to both countries will be discussed as appropriate.

ARTICLE II

A. The Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs will meet regularly, for a Joint Political Consultation (JPC) to discuss a wide range of international issues of mutual interest with a view toward increasing their mutual understanding and appreciation of these issues.

B. The United States Agency for International Development and Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of International Cooperation (Mashav) meet
periodically to coordinate and facilitate, as appropriate, programs of cooperative assistance to developing countries.

ARTICLE III

Israel and the United States reaffirm the importance of the following Israeli-U.S. Joint Groups:

A. The Joint Political Military Group (JPMG) is the forum in which the two states discuss and implement, pursuant to existing arrangements, joint cooperative efforts such as combined planning, joint exercises, and logistics. The JPMG also discusses current political-military issues of mutual strategic concern.

1. The JPMG is a binational, interagency group co-chaired by the Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense and the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs.

2. The JPMG normally meets biannually, alternating between Israel and the United States.

B. The Joint Security Assistance Planning Group (JSAP) is the forum in which the two states review
Israel's requests for security assistance in light of current threat assessments and U.S. budgetary capabilities and agree upon proposed levels of security assistance. The JSAP also discusses issues related to security assistance, such as industrial and technological cooperation, as well as issues related to Israel's inclusion among those countries currently designated as major non-NATO allies of the United States for the purpose of cooperative research and development under Section 1105 of the 1987 National Defense Authorization Act.

1. The JSAP is a binational, interagency group co-chaired by the Director General of the Ministry of Defense and the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science, and Technology.

2. The JSAP currently meets annually, in Washington, D.C.

C. The Joint Economic Development Group (JEDG) is the forum which discusses developments in Israel's economy. With a view to stimulating economic growth and self-reliance, the JEDG exchanges views on Israeli economic policy planning, stabilization efforts, and
structural reform. The JEDG also evaluates Israel's requests for U.S. economic assistance.

1. The JEDG is a binational, interagency group co-chaired by the Director General of the Ministry of Finance and the Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. The group includes private U.S. and Israeli economists invited by their respective countries.

2. The JEDG currently meets biannually, alternating between the United States and Israel.

**ARTICLE IV**

This Memorandum of Agreement does not derogate from any existing agreements or undertakings between the two states nor in any way prejudices the rights and obligations of either state under the Charter of the United Nations or under international law. In accordance with the above, the parties reaffirm their aspirations to live in peace with all countries. This agreement shall come into effect upon signature, shall be valid for an initial period of five years, and shall thereafter be renewed for additional periods of five years unless either
party notifies the other prior to the expiration of a five year period that it wishes to terminate the agreement.

DONE at Jerusalem and at Washington, in duplicate, in the English language, the fourth day of Iyar, 5748, the twenty-first day of April, 1988 and the day of Iyar, 5748, the day of April, 1988.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL: FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

[Signature]
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**DATE, TIME & SIGN THIS RECEIPT & RETURN TO:** SITRITION ROOM, WHITE HOUSE
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with Israel

Issue

To sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Israel.

Discussion

The attached MOA formalizes our relationship of strategic cooperation with Israel. It also institutionalizes our bilateral consultative groups that work on joint military cooperation, security assistance, and economic development. You are scheduled to sign the agreement in a brief ceremony in the Oval Office on April 21.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement with Israel on April 21.

Attachment

Tab A  Text of MOA

cc: Vice President
    Chief of Staff (2)
ACTION

MEMORANDUM TO COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with Israel

Attached is the final agreed text of the U.S.-Israeli MOA. It has been fully cleared by State, Defense, AID, and OMB.

Nick Rostow concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I, forwarding the text of the MOA for Presidential signature on April 21.

Approve Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Text of MOA
Subject: Memorandum of Agreement with Israel

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Melvyn Levitsky
Executive Secretary

Attachments: as stated
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Nicholas Rostow concurs.

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Approve Disapprove

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TO: LEVITSKY, M

FROM: PRESIDENT

KEYWORDS: ISRAEL

PERSONS: SHAMIR, YITZHAK

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY RE MOA W/ ISRAEL / 21 APR

ACTION: PRES SGD LTR

STAFF OFFICER: OAKLEY

FILES: PA

COMMENT: ORIGINAL BOOK RETURNED TO STATE PER THEIR REQUEST

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: LEVITSKY, M
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DATE: 28 APR 88

SUBJ: MOA BTW US & ISRAEL

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR RECORD PURPOSES

DUE DATE:

COMMENT: PER YOUR REQUEST BOOK IS BEING RETURNED

FOR

DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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April 28, 1988

ACTION

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THROUGH: WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE CLERK

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