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Cover letter

The Palestinian people and the Jewish people recognize each other's historic rights with respect to the same land.

The Jewish people have for generations wanted to establish the Jewish State in all the Land of Israel while the Palestinian people have similarly wanted to establish a state in all Palestine.

The two sides hereby agree to accept a historic compromise that is based on the principle of two sovereign and viable states existing side by side.

The following Statement of Intentions is an expression of the will of the majority of the people.

Both sides believe that through this initiative they can influence their leaders and thereby open a new chapter in the region's history.

This new chapter will also be realized by calling on the international community to guarantee security in the region and to help in rehabilitating and developing the region's economy.

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Statement of Intentions

1. Two states for two peoples: Both peoples declare that Palestine is the only state of the Palestinian people and Israel is the only state of the Jewish people.
2. Borders: Permanent borders between the two states shall be agreed on the basis of the June 4, 1967 lines, UN resolutions, and the Arab peace initiative (known as the Saudi initiative).
 - Border modifications shall be based on an equal territorial exchange (1:1) in accordance with the vital needs of both sides, including the needs of security, territorial contiguity, as well as demographic considerations.
 - The Palestinian State shall have a connection between its two geographic areas, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
 - After establishment of the agreed borders, no settlers shall remain in the Palestinian State.
3. Jerusalem: Jerusalem shall be an open city, the capital of two states. Freedom of religion and full access to the holy sites shall be guaranteed to all.
 - Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem shall come under Palestinian sovereignty while Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem shall come under Israeli sovereignty.
 - Neither side shall exercise sovereignty over the holy places. The State of Palestine shall be designated the Guardian of al-Haram al- Sharif for the benefit of the Muslims. Israel shall be the Guardian of the Western Wall for the benefit of the Jewish people. The “status quo” of the Christian holy places will be maintained. No excavation shall take place in or underneath the holy places.
4. Recognizing the suffering and the plight of the Palestinian refugees, the international community, Israel, and Palestine shall initiate and contribute to an international fund to compensate the Palestinian refugees.
 - Right of return: The Palestinians refugees shall return only to the State of Palestine; Jews shall return only to the State of Israel.

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- The international community shall offer to compensate and facilitate the improvement of conditions of those refugees who are willing to remain in their present country of residence, or who wish to immigrate to third countries.
5. The Palestinian State shall be demilitarized and the international community shall guarantee its security as a viable state.
 6. End of Conflict: Upon the full implementation of these principles, all claims on both sides and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict shall end.

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Agree: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

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