

COVER LETTER

For the "Geneva Initiative"

We, the undersigned, a group of Palestinians and Israelis, endorse, on this day 12/10/03, a model draft framework final status agreement between the two peoples. At this point in time, after the Palestinian government and the Israeli government have accepted the Road Map, which includes reaching a final-status settlement by 2005, based on a two state solution, we consider it to be of the utmost importance to present to the two peoples and the entire world an example of what such a final status agreement could include. This is proof that despite all the pain entailed in concessions, it is possible to reach a historical compromise which meets the vital national interests of each side. We present this model agreement as a package – which stands together as an integral whole.

In the near future we will launch a campaign whose goal is to convince both sides of the value of such an historical compromise in the spirit of this model framework agreement, designed to put an end to the protracted conflict.

We see this as an educational endeavor, as people who believe in peace, who believe in advancing our respective national interests and who believe that a peace agreement is attainable. It is against our interests to indefinitely postpone such an agreement. In addition, we consider it as a service to the decision-makers.

Past experience has proven how difficult it is for official entities to prepare themselves for the negotiations on the final status settlement, due to fears that any detailed, technical work is proof of a concession. To this end we will also be involved in the preparation of the supplements and appendices which will specify the solutions at the highest level of detail, and will be available to the decision-makers at the time of their talks on the final status settlement.


Among the participants, on both sides, there are people, who have held official positions in the past, and people who continue to do so today, yet, in this document, none of us represents their respective peoples in any binding sense. We believe that our approach represents vast sections of public opinion on both sides. We were supported in this process from the beginning by a private Swiss Foundation and the Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland.

The decision to complete and later present this model draft agreement was not easy for any of us, however, we have decided to pursue this path since we believe that action of this type can serve as a source of hope after a long period of suffering, killing and mutual accusations, that it can help build trust and

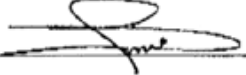
facilitate the removal of the walls between our nations. In the context of the Road Map process, this draft agreement signifies a mutually acceptable and realizable endgame – to be reached by 2005, and as an answer to the skeptics and supporters of endless interim agreements. This agreement will bring about the creation of a sovereign Palestinian State alongside Israel, put an end to the occupation, terminate conflict and bloodshed, and end all mutual claims.

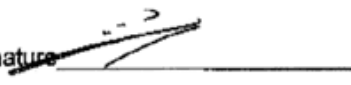
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We have decided to meet in the very near future in Geneva, after completing our preparations, for a public signing and launching of this initiative.

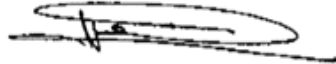
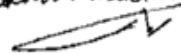
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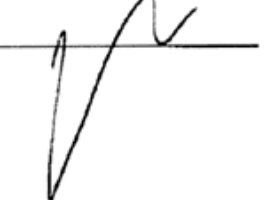
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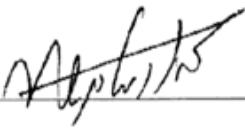
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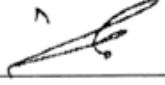
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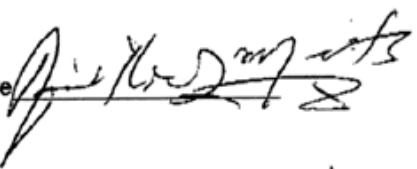
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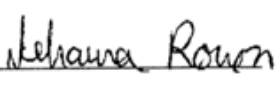
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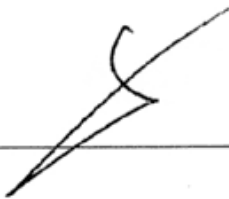
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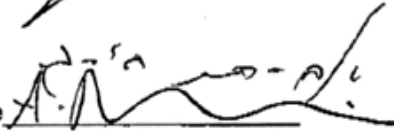
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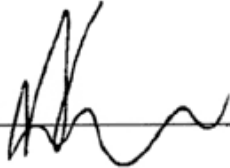
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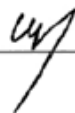
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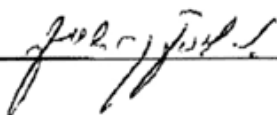
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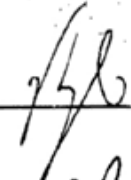
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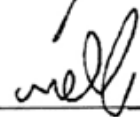
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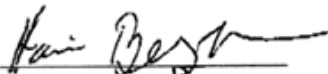
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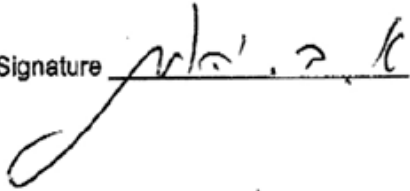
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