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NOTE

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Delegations will find attached the proposed text for the EU/Palestinian Security Cooperation Framework which was agreed by the Political Committee on 30 March 1998 and reviewed by the Ad Hoc Group on the Middle East Peace Process on 1 April 1998.

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PROPOSED EU/PALESTINIAN SECURITY COOPERATION FRAMEWORK

1) The Palestinian Authority and the European Union have agreed to establish a new framework with the aim of developing joint cooperation on security issues. In this context they agree to set up a Permanent Security Committee.

2) Membership of the Committee will comprise the EU Special Envoy's Security Adviser, the Head of General Intelligence and the Heads of Preventive Security in Gaza and the West Bank or their representatives. Other EU or Palestinian Authority officials will participate according to circumstances and the agenda for discussion. The Committee will meet on a fortnightly basis, at the request of either party or at time of crisis.

3) Participation initially shall be representatives of the Palestinian Authority and the European Union, but participation may be extended to include those associated with earlier efforts to provide the framework for cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

4) This new framework will not supersede or replace bilateral relationships between the Palestinian Authority and any other parties on security or intelligence matters.

5) The functions of the Committee will be:

   (a) to discuss security issues, obstacles to cooperation and to exchange information;

(b) to provide a channel for contact and rapid exchange of information at times of crisis;

(c) to arrange fact-finding visits;

(d) to identify the requirements in order for the EU to implement further practical assistance to help the Palestinian Authority in fulfilling its security obligations to combat terrorism, complementing existing EU cooperation programmes; and

(e) to discuss protection of human rights.

6) The Palestinian Authority accepts the principle that the EU may, from time to time, form an evaluation of part or all of the discharge of its security obligations to combat terrorism. However, the Palestinian Authority reserves to itself the control and freedom of action of its officers.

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It is further agreed that exchanges of sensitive intelligence or security information will be treated by EU member States as confidential unless prior consent to inform third Parties has been obtained, and that this information would not form the basis of any criminal proceedings without that aforesaid prior consent.

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