

Recommended by the Israel Task Force,
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Amended and Recommended by the Executive Committee,
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Approved by the Board of Directors,
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COUNCIL POSITION REGARDING
1993 DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS

1. The Milwaukee Jewish Council joins with the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) in enthusiastically welcoming the recent Israel-PLO and Israel-Jordan agreements; applauds the efforts of all those involved; and supports continued governmental and individual efforts to maintain progress in the peace process -- as symbolized by the ceremony at the White House on September 13, 1993.

2. We appreciate the lead role that the United States government has taken in promptly convening the October 1 "Donors Conference" and the US pledge of \$500 million to help with economic development and public welfare programs in the territories. We encourage the United States to continue its leading role in obtaining funding for development in the territories.

3. For the future, we urge that the United States government take the following actions:

a. encourage additional public and private sector initiatives to promote economic development in the territories.

b. continue the Congressional repeal on a temporary basis of federal laws prohibiting US government contacts with the PLO; to be repealed permanently only when the Arab economic boycott of Israel is repealed.

c. make efforts to encourage non-front-line Arab countries to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

d. urge the Arab states to now play a constructive role in enhancing the overall peacemaking environment by: terminating the boycott, a violation of fundamental free trade principles, which constitutes an impediment to economic development in the region and beyond; and expeditiously normalizing their relations with Israel on all levels, including extension of diplomatic recognition to Israel. We welcome the Clinton administration's firm commitment to continue pressing for these long overdue measures.