Israeli Presentation: Security
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(Translated from Dahlan's notes.)

I: This is an informal session; it's non-binding. (1) Do I want security for State of Israel? (2) Do we want two States to be equal? We are talking state-to-state, not interim agreement.

Two basic problems: (1) threats from outside and (2) terrorism, which can come from anywhere.

Regarding (1) -- 85% of people live between Tel Aviv and Khadeira (?). This is Israel's heart. In order to effectively defend our existence, we need strategic depth. To have that, we need two things: (A) that all the high areas in W.B. will be demilitarized. (B) if there is a threat or war, we want to defend Israel from E. border of W.B.

Solutions: on highest areas, we need three early warning stations. These stations would cover 100s of km. These would be small camp surrounded by a fence, and all of their work would be inside. They would not go outside the fence. And they already existence.

P: Which stations? Where?

I: Nablus (Mount Ebal); Ba'al Hatsur; in South, on border, near Hebron. We need movement of workers back and forth.

P: Are these military or civilians?

I: Military.

If there is a war, and someone enters and "stands" in Jordan, we will need to deploy along 4-5 areas in Jordan Valley – if there is a threat. I won't specify those areas, but I want to discuss them in general: In these locations, we are not currently present. In two of them, I want storage for equipment. All these areas are empty – no problem with working or building there. We won't harm the citizens who are present there, but we can get there in case of emergencies.

We will use the following routes: from the West: (1) Ariel to the Valley. (2) Jerusalem-Jericho road. (3) Allon route – partially done. We will not move without telling you or for no reason.

Next, we need control over airspace over Israel/West Bank. There is no effective way for the two States to divide air control. And there is no way to have two

sides for coordination. You would have civilian air control, but all movement would need to be coordinated by the two parties.

The movement of our air force would not be free, but coordinated with you. The Palestinian and Israeli air space authority would have to coordinate together.

Sovereignty over Palestinian airspace would be Palestinian. You would have to give prior permission for any other airplanes. Just like Belgium and France.

I want two things: (1) Israeli control/coordination over movement of airplanes because it has to be one, and it has to be Israel because we have the experience and the expertise in both civilian and military air traffic. For instance, France and Germany have Luxembourg between them, and the latter has given up its right to control. That does not mean that it doesn't do anything, but every person who wants to enter Luxembourg has to be given permission. (2) The freedom of the air force to move over your territories, because if a foreign airplane came in from the East, Israeli airplanes have to be sent from Israel, and that means speed and flight over your territories must be approved in advance. What are the elevations and the flight routes?

Demilitarization

This has three elements: (1) not having an army or the ability to have an army; (2) not allowing a foreign army to enter the Palestinian state; and (3) not having agreements with the militaries of other States.

P: What about the States with which Israel has peace agreements.

I: I will look into that.

I: Principle is that you will have no military agreements because you will have no army. And I understand from your question that you may want agreements with countries that could protect you from aggression. I'll look into that.

        You will have a police force that will deal with internal security. We can get into that in detail later.

        As to foreign armies entering Palestine, we need monitoring at the borders. As we've told you unofficially, you will have borders with Jordan. To prevent entry of arms from Jordan – which is a big problem, and will be for a number of years – we want monitoring at the border, for which we will be responsible. After some time, this responsibility will shift from us to a 3rd party.

        Another reason for monitoring is not only demilitarization, but also to defend against an external threat.

There is a strip along the borders directly, where our patrols move, and I want security authorities.

P: Who will have sovereignty over that?

I: Let's not address sovereignty at the moment.

I want the borders close to the river, and on the river directly there is _____, and on it patrols. If a person enters from this border, I want to chase them until route 90.

P: In summary, you want military authority from the Dead Sea to Beisan.

I: I want 4km of the border in your areas for the person of chasing.

Crossings: There are three kinds of crossings: land, air, and sea. Inspection of goods at the crossings would not be in the hands of the state of Israel, but in the hands of a 3rd party. We want coordinators/reps from Israel who can make requests of the 3rd party. We see the crossing as under the sovereignty and control of the Palestinian authority. The security inspection of goods will be for the 3rd party, and our rep. will be there so that if there's a suspicion, he can ask 3rd party to inspect it. Our presence will be invisible. There will be a body for the monitoring and coordination of demilitarization (bilateral/trilateral/multilateral).

Fighting terrorism: Two points: (1) Coordination between the parties as exists now. (2) International and bilateral guarantees to ensure a system for fighting terrorism.