

Perspectives for a Negotiated Israeli-Palestinian Permanent Settlement

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Comprising of four roundtables geared towards open discussion, this conference will depart from an overview of the Geneva Accord and the People's Voice to examine other venues for a permanent settlement. With the current crossroads in Israel-Palestine, these venues will require synergies between civil peace initiatives and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians, and may include an economic roadmap and augmented international involvement.

Monday, December 19, 2005

09:30 Registration.

10:00-10:30 Opening Remarks:

Antonio Garrigues Walker, President of Toledo International Centre for Peace (CITpax).

José María Barreda, President of the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha.

10:30-12:15 Roundtable I: *Presentation of the poll results on the political attitudes of the Israeli public (Jews and Arabs) regarding the peace process (Ephraim Yaar, Tel Aviv University).*

Chair: Ambassador Shlomo Ben Ami, Vice-President of CITpax.

Amnon Shahak, Israeli Lieutenant General (res.)

Moty Cristal, Independent Israeli Consultant.

Ambassador Manuel Hassassian, Palestinian Representative to the UK.

- What have been the effects of recent and current civil initiatives striving for final status agreements?
- What have been the different constraints among Palestinians and Israelis when trying to gain popular support for a peace initiative?
- What are the current prospects for a resumption of direct peace negotiations?

12:15-12:30 Coffee Break.

12:30-14:30 Roundtable II: *Perspectives of Recent Civil Peace Initiatives: An Assessment of the Impact of Non-Official tracks in the Israeli-Palestinian process: the case of Geneva and the People's Voice.*

Chair: Ambassador Emilio Cassinello, Director General of CITpax.

Ilan Shalgi, Knesset Member (Shinouy Party).

Ziad Abu Zayyad, Member of Palestinian Legislative Council, PA.

Dalia Rabin, Yitzak Rabin Center for Israeli Studies.

16:00-19:00 Roundtable III: *The Role of the International Actors: Bridging the Gap of Capacity.*

Chair: Senén Florensa, Ambassador at Large, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAEC).

Ambassador Martin Indyk, Director of Saban Center for Middle East Policy.

Usama al-Baz, Advisor to the President of Egypt.

Rafael Dezcallar, Director General of External Relations, MAEC.

Pini Meidan, Member of the Israeli Delegation to Taba Summit.

- What is the role of the Quartet? Should the Road Map be reformed? If so, how?
- How viable is the idea of an international trusteeship? How could it be implemented?
- What role could international peace forces play? How could this be organized?
- Can the proposed peace platforms be reconciled with the unilateral approach?
- What possibilities are there for an economic road map to peace?

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09:00-12:15 Roundtable IV: *The peace process in light of the current crossroads in Israel-Palestine: between unilateralism and negotiations.*

Chair: George Irani, Director of Africa and Middle East Program, CITpax.

Khaled al-Yazji, former member of the Ministry of Interior, Palestinian Authority, Independent Palestinian Consultant.

Gideon Grinstein, Member of the Israeli Delegation to Camp David Summit, Founder and President of the Re'ut Institute.

Abdallah Sati, Journalist for the Palestinian News, al-Hurra.

- What options exist between unilateralism and negotiations?
- How restrictive has unilateralism been on negotiations?
- Can a third way be envisioned for a permanent settlement?
- What should be the platform for such negotiations? What are the possibilities for such a platform?
- How disruptive are both the upcoming Palestinian elections and the creation of new political parties in Israel for the peace process?
- What does the current crossroads in both the Israeli and Palestinian political systems imply for a negotiated peace?

12:15-12:30 Coffee Break.

12:30-13:30 Conclusion: *Quest for Peace – Is a common platform possible?.*

**Chair: Ambassador Shlomo Ben Ami, Vice President of CITpax.
Ambassador Manuel Hassassian, Palestinian representative to the
United Kingdom.**