

<b>Country/entity</b>	Israel Palestine
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	Letters exchanges between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin following the signing of the Gaza-Jericho Agreement May 4, 1994
<b>Date</b>	4 May 1994
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict

#### Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 - )

This conflict involves Israelis and Palestinians over territory and belonging and has long historical antecedents. The agreements post-1990 are between the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel, with some supporting inter-state agreements (i.e. between Israel and Jordan). More recently the importance of the once dominating Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) has diminished not in the least due to the effective disappearance of its left-wing members and the loss of the popularity of their political wing, Fatah. Hamas and other Islamic groups have attained significant relevance in Fatah's stead, with Hamas controlling the Gaza strip (from which Israel ultimately unilaterally withdrew (not coded as a peace agreement)).

Geo-political implications of the conflict have been considerable across the MENA region.  
Close  
Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 - )

<b>Stage</b>	Framework/substantive - partial
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Israel-Palestine peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the PLO; Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister of Israel.
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	This involves the agreed exchange of two identical letters (coded once), between the head of the PLO and the Israeli government, which accompany and provide additional commitments to the Gaza-Jericho Agreement.

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<b>Agreement document</b>	<a href="#">IL_PS_940504_Gaza-Jericho Agreement Letters.pdf (opens in new tab)</a>   <a href="#">Download PDF</a>
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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.
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## Gender

<b>Women, girls and gender</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Men and boys</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>LGBTI</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Family</b>	No specific mention.
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## **State definition**

### **Nature of state (general)**

Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:  
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Page Page 2, Letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat:  
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Page Page 3, Letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat:  
... 9. The two sides reiterate their commitment to commence permanent status negotiations as soon as possible, but no later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period, as provided for in Article V of the Declaration of Principles.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/  
secession** No specific mention.

**Accession/  
unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border  
provision** No specific mention.

## Governance

### Political institutions (new or reformed)

Governance→Political institutions (new or reformed)→General references

Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

... 1. The PLO undertakes to ensure that the Palestinian Authority, including the Palestinian Police and other Palestinian Authority agencies, will function in accordance with the Agreement, and that the Palestinian Authority will activate the coordination and cooperation mechanism in a timely manner.

Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

... 4. When Chairman Arafat enters the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, he will use the title 'Chairman (Ra'ees in Arabic) of the Palestinian Authority' or 'Chairman of the PLO', and will not use the title 'President of Palestine.'

Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:

... 6. Pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 3, of the Agreement, the PLO shall inform the Government of Israel of the names of the members of the Palestinian Authority in a letter that shall be provided within a week of signing the Agreement. The appointment of these members to the Palestinian Authority shall take effect upon an exchange of letters between the PLO and the Government of Israel. Changes in the membership of the Palestinian Authority will take effect upon an exchange of letters between the PLO and the Government of Israel.

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### Elections

No specific mention.

### Electoral commission

No specific mention.

### Political parties reform

No specific mention.

<b>Civil society</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Traditional/ religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page Page 2, Letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat: ... 3. The PLO undertakes to submit to the next meeting of the Palestinian National Council for formal approval the necessary changes in regard to the Palestinian Covenant, as undertaken in the letter dated September 9, 1993 signed by the Chairman of the PLO and addressed to the Prime Minister of Israel.

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## **Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government [Summary] Letters touch on the continuation of talks regarding the 'Jericho and Gaza areas' / Palestine.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Bill of rights/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil and political rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Socio-economic rights</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	<p>Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin: ...13. The two Parties shall continue discussions on the following issues: ... c. additional arrangement in the Rafah passage; and</p> <p>Page 3, Letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat: ... 13. The two Parties shall continue discussions on the following issues: ... c. additional arrangement in the Rafah passage; and</p>
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

**Criminal justice and emergency law** No specific mention.

**State of emergency provisions** No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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## **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** No specific mention.

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** No specific mention.

**Business** No specific mention.

**Taxation** No specific mention.

**Banks** No specific mention.

## Land, property and environment

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Land reform and management  
Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:  
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**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian  
rights or access** No specific mention.

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## Security sector

**Security  
Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:  
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cooperation mechanism in a timely manner.

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence  
services** No specific mention.

<b>Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Withdrawal of foreign forces</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Corruption</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Crime/organised crime</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Drugs</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Terrorism</b>	No specific mention.
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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** No specific mention.

**Amnesty/pardon** No specific mention.

**Courts** No specific mention.

**Mechanism** No specific mention.

**Prisoner release** No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** Page 1, Letter from PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin:  
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**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** No specific mention.

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

**International mission/force/similar** No specific mention.

<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Source</b>	The Jewish Virtual Library (A Division of the American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise), <a href="https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Peace/gjletter.html">https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Peace/gjletter.html</a>

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