Country/entity	Israel Jordan Palestine
Region	Middle East and North Africa
Agreement name	Declaration of principles for co-operation among the core parties on water-related matters and new and additional water resources
Date	13 Feb 1996
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

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 -
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Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Israel-Palestine peace process
Parties	Israel, Jordan, PLO
Third parties	Government of Norway facilitated talks
Description	Detailed agreement on water matters - parties agree to cooperate in securing new and additional water sources.

Agreement document	IL_JO Joint Statement on Water.pdf (opens in new tab) | Download PDF

Groups

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

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
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)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 2, 1.2. ... The Core Parties promote public participation in water resources management. 1.4 Cooperation on other water-related matters (legitimation)
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.

Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	Entire agmt concerns cooperation on sercuring new and additional water resources

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Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.

Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other Page 3, 1.5. Water Quality and Protection Water quality standards for various water uses have been adopted by each of the Core Parties; water preservation is an overriding concern, and enforcement powers exist in the hands of competent authorities to prevent water pollution, and to mitigate any negative environmental impacts on them at the expense of the polluters. Page 5, 2.6. Environmental Management 6.1 All Projects will be based on environmentally-sound principles. 6.2 The Co-operating Parties give preference to those Projects which utilize advanced technological water usage methods. 6.3 Each Co-operating Party is responsible for the protection of the Project against environmental pollution originating within its jurisdiction.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

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.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development Page 4, 2. 2. General Principles 2.1 The development of New and Additional Water Resources will not adversely affect the development or utilization of Existing Water Resources. Page 4, 2.4. Ownership and Utilization New and Additional Water Resources, developed in joint effort by the Core Parties for the benefit of some or all of them, will be considered as part of their own water resources only to the extent of the share allocated to them.
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	[Summary] The whole agreement is focused on sharing of water resources. Clauses not dealing with water sharing are coded as appropriate elsewhere. Page 6, 1. Co-operation in Specific Sectors The Parties express their desire to co-operate among themselves and with other interested Parties on the following Other Water-related Matters. ... 1.3 sustainable water-related natural resources management and desertification control;
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues 5.4 The cost to each of the Co-operating Parties of water derived from New and Additional Resources will be based upon the cost of production, operation, maintenance and amortization. Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues 5.6 Co-operating Parties may, by mutual consent, trade the use of their respective shares of the waters from New and Additional Resources, provided that such trading does not cause harm to the shares allocated to any other Co-operating Parties.
Taxation	Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation Page 3, 1.8. Water Charges Water is not supplied free of charge in any of the Core Parties. Tariff structures, taking into account different extents of cost recovery, apply to domestic, industrial and agricultural sectors. These tariffs are periodically reviewed and adjusted. Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues 5.5 Water derived from the New and Additional Resources will not be subject to levies on account of conveyance, storage, treatment, or protection in excess of levies which the owner of the project would normally in
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	Page 2, The Core Parties view this Declaration as an expression of: ... • enhancing their water supply, and increasing the efficiency of its use. Page 3, 1.4. Drought Measures The Core Parties will take appropriate measures in periods of drought and water scarcity. Page 3, 1.5. Water Quality and Protection Water quality standards for various water uses have been adopted by each of the Core Parties; water preservation is an overriding concern, and enforcement powers exist in the hands of competent authorities to prevent water pollution, and to mitigate any negative environmental impacts on them at the expense of the polluters. Page 5, 2.6. Environmental Management 6.1 All Projects will be based on environmentally-sound principles. 6.2 The Co-operating Parties give preference to those Projects which utilize advanced technological water usage methods. 6.3 Each Co-operating Party is responsible for the protection of the Project against environmental pollution originating within its jurisdiction. Page 6, 1. Co-operation in Specific Sectors The Parties express their desire to co-operate among themselves and with other interested Parties on the following Other Water-related Matters. ... 1.2 environmental conservation; 1.3 sustainable water-related natural resources management and desertification control; Page 6, 2. Proposed Areas of Co-operation The Core Parties will in due time explore possible co-operation among themselves and with other interested parties in the following areas: ... 2.2 preparation of plans for flood-protection and utilization; with emphasis on development of Early warning Systems
Water or riparian rights or access	[Summary] The whole agreement is focused on sharing of water resources. Clauses not dealing with water sharing are coded as appropriate elsewhere.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

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	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

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.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 3, 1.7. Compliance and Enforcement Proper sanctions against non-compliance are explicit in the respective legislation of each of the Core Parties. Enforcement of the water legislation is the norm.
