

<b>Country/entity</b>	Israel Jordan Palestine
<b>Region</b>	Middle East and North Africa
<b>Agreement name</b>	Declaration of principles for co-operation among the core parties on water-related matters and new and additional water resources
<b>Date</b>	13 Feb 1996
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/conflict level</b>	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) <b>Arab-Israeli Conflicts (1948 - )</b>

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>	Territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Israel-Palestine peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Israel, Jordan, PLO
<b>Third parties</b>	Government of Norway facilitated talks
<b>Description</b>	Detailed agreement on water matters - parties agree to cooperate in securing new and additional water sources.

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**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.

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**Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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### **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.

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### **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 securing 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.

<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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**Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**Regional or international human rights institutions** 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**

<b>Development or socio-economic reconstruction</b>	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development</p> <p>Page 4, 2. 2. General Principles</p> <p>2.1 The development of New and Additional Water Resources will not adversely affect the development or utilization of Existing Water Resources.</p> <p>Page 4, 2.4. Ownership and Utilization</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>National economic plan</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Natural resources</b>	<p>[Summary] The whole agreement is focused on sharing of water resources. Clauses not dealing with water sharing are coded as appropriate elsewhere.</p> <p>Page 6, 1. Co-operation in Specific Sectors</p> <p>The Parties express their desire to co-operate among themselves and with other interested Parties on the following Other Water-related Matters.</p> <p>... 1.3 sustainable water-related natural resources management and desertification control;</p>
<b>International funds</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Business</b>	<p>Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Taxation</b>	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation</p> <p>Page 3, 1.8. Water Charges</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Page 5, 2.5. Technical, Economic and Financial Issues</p> <p>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</p>
<b>Banks</b>	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

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6.2 The Co-operating Parties give preference to those Projects which utilize advanced technological water usage methods.

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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**

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

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## **Transitional justice**

<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Courts</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.

**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** No specific mention.

**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.

**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.

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