

In view of the status of the Gaza strip, however, as an area not belonging to the sovereign territory of any neighbouring state, any arrangement for the administration of the territory such as that outlined above must be considered as an interim measure pending final agreement as to the proper disposition of the territory. That final agreement is the responsibility of the U N and it should be met and discharged after these interim arrangements have been completed.

Mr. President, I venture to submit these proposals to the Assembly because I believe they will provide a basis not only for the essential and prior withdrawal of Israeli forces, but for a better and more peaceful state of affairs than that which has existed previously. They may not be perfect proposals, and I realize they will not fully meet the wishes of the two parties to this conflict. This programme is admittedly a compromise, as any resolution based on it would be a compromise. But it is meant to be a constructive compromise, which may lead to further steps that will make for lasting peace. That is the spirit in which it is submitted.

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