

**AGREEMENT ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE JERICHO AREA**

The Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (hereinafter "the PLO"), the representative of the Palestinian people;

**PREAMBLE**

- WITHIN** the framework of the Middle East peace process initiated at Madrid in October 1991;
- REAFFIRMING** their determination to live in peaceful coexistence, mutual dignity and security, while recognizing their mutual legitimate and political rights;
- REAFFIRMING** their desire to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement through the agreed political process;
- REAFFIRMING** their adherence to the mutual recognition and commitments expressed in the letters dated September 9, 1993, signed by and exchanged between the Prime Minister of Israel and the Chairman of the PLO;
- REAFFIRMING** their understanding that the interim self-government arrangements, including the arrangements to apply in the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area contained in this Agreement, are an integral part of the whole peace process and that the negotiations on the permanent status will lead to the implementation of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338;
- DESIROUS** of putting into effect the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements signed at Washington, D.C. on September 13, 1993, and the Agreed Minutes thereto (hereinafter "the Declaration of Principles"), and in particular the Protocol on withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area;
- HEREBY AGREE** to the following arrangements regarding the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area: