

Administration's statutory and contractual obligations to Palestinian employees, regarding pensions and their payment.

- c. In the Gaza Strip, upon the transfer of powers and responsibilities, the Palestinian Authority shall assume prevailing powers and obligations, according to the existing pension system.

Israel shall transfer to the Palestinian Authority, or to a Pension and Insurance Fund if established, the net income of the Fund (all payments plus interest after deduction of pension payments and running expenses) as accumulated at the Israel Ministry of Finance.

- d. In the Jericho Area, the Palestinian Authority shall assume responsibility for payment of a budgetary pension.
- e. After the transfer of authorities in this sphere, if Israel is sued by any employee or his/her heirs for any sums due to him/her as a pension, the Palestinian Authority shall reimburse Israel the full amount awarded the employee or his/her heirs by any court or tribunal.
- f. Where legal proceedings are brought in respect of such a claim, Israel will notify the Palestinian Authority and enable it to participate in defending the claim.

17. **Commerce and Industry:**

- a. This sphere includes, *inter alia*, licensing of crafts and industries, supervision of commodities and services and of weights and measures, and the regulation of commerce.
- b. The Palestinian Authority shall make arrangements to ensure safety conditions for the production, use and transportation of fuel and gas.
- c. The production and use of weapons, ammunition or explosives are dealt with in Annex I, Article VIII, paragraph 8.