

Treaty of Peace Between Israel & Syria

Israel and Syria have decided to establish peace between them. The peace will be based on the principles of security, equality, respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the political independence of both. The Parties agree to the following provisions:

1. Israel will withdraw from the Syrian land taken in 1967, in accordance with Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which established the right of all states to secure and recognized borders in the "land for peace" formula, to a commonly agreed border based on the line of June 4, 1967. The withdrawal will be effected in three stages and completed over a period of 18 months with normalization implemented during the third stage and declaring an end to the state of war during the first phase of withdrawal.

2. Due to the existing agreements between Syria and Lebanon, the two tracks should go simultaneously both in solution and in signing peace agreements between Syria and Israel and Lebanon and Israel.

3. In the framework of the peace process, Syria and Lebanon with other parties will discuss paramilitary activities across the borders with Israel with the aim of finding an appropriate solution.

4. The adoption of the paper reached between the parties during previous negotiations on [Aims and Principles of Security Arrangements] including the establishment of demilitarized zones of limited forces on both sides.

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Dear Mr. President,

It appears that some misunderstandings have arisen regarding some of the issues we discussed in our last meeting. In order to be of assistance in clarifying these matters, I have meticulously reviewed all the records of the hours we spent in those intensive five weeks of meetings about relations between Syria and Israel during the summer and fall of 1998. I would like to share with you the last positions of both sides which reflect where our efforts ended.

While great progress was made, the talks were left at a crucial juncture and were not completed because the security zones between Syria and Israel could not be finalized until a map of the June 4, 1967 line was provided by Israel.

During the process, there was much discussion and exchanges of views and, as you can well imagine, the two parties were very far apart on some issues. However, as the talks proceeded, most of those differences were narrowed and real progress on many previously unresolved issues were made.

As I mentioned to you, some of the points dated August 29, 1998, that I shared with you in our previous meeting, were never accepted by Syria. In subsequent visits, we reached agreement on the points attached in the letter. I believe these points still need to be finalized by defining the security zones on both sides of the border.

I am also sending you the points that were agreed to by both sides on September 12, 1998, in the hope that they will assist you and your Administration in your pursuit of a lasting peace between Israel and Syria. I am ready to further clarify any remaining questions in regard to my efforts and to do all that I can to assist you in obtaining the goal we share of peace between Israel and her neighbors.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Lauder

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