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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
ISRAEL**

**Memorandum of Agreement concerning Middle East peace.
Signed at Jerusalem and at Washington on 27 February
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE

1. The Geneva Peace Conference will be reconvened at a time coordinated between the United States and Israel.

2. The United States will continue to adhere to its present policy with respect to the Palestine Liberation Organization, whereby it will not recognize or negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization so long as the Palestine Liberation Organization does not recognize Israel's right to exist and does not accept Security Council Resolutions 242² and 338³. The United States Government will consult fully and seek to concert its position and strategy at the Geneva Peace Conference on this issue with the Government of Israel. Similarly, the United States will consult fully and seek to concert its position and strategy with Israel with regard to the participation of any other additional states. It is understood that the participation at a subsequent phase of the Conference of any possible additional state, group or organization will require the agreement of all the initial participants.

3. The United States will make every effort to ensure at the Conference that all the substantive negotiations will be on a bilateral basis.

4. The United States will oppose and, if necessary, vote against any initiative in the Security Council to alter adversely the terms of reference of the Geneva Peace Conference or to change Resolutions 242 and 338 in ways which are incompatible with their original purpose.

5. The United States will seek to ensure that the role of the cosponsors will be consistent with what was agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Government and the Government of Israel of December 20, 1973.

6. The United States and Israel will concert action to assure that the Conference will be conducted in a manner consonant with the objectives of this document and with the declared purpose of the Conference, namely the advancement of a negotiated peace between Israel and each of its neighbors.

[Signed]

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Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of Israel

[Signed]

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Secretary of State

For the Government
of the United States

¹ Came into force on 27 February 1976 by signature.

² United Nations, *Official Records of the Security Council, Twenty-second year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1967* (S/INF/22/Rev.2), p. 8.

³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1973* (S/INF/29), p. 10.