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**UNITED NATIONS  
(UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY  
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST)  
and  
ISRAEL**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement on the  
clearing of the Aqabat Jabr and Ein el Sultan camps in  
the Jericho area. Vienna, 31 October 1985**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 31 October 1985.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
(OFFICE DE SECOURS ET DE TRAVAUX  
DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS  
DE PALESTINE DANS LE PROCHE-ORIENT)  
et  
ISRAËL**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au dé-  
blaiement des camps de Aqabat Jabr et Ein el Sultan  
dans la région de Jéricho. Vienne, 31 octobre 1985**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré d'office le 31 octobre 1985.*

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS (UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES  
IN THE NEAR EAST) AND ISRAEL ON THE CLEARING OF  
THE AQABAT JABR AND EIN EL SULTAN CAMPS IN THE  
JERICHO AREA

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PERMANENT MISSION OF ISRAEL  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
VIENNA

המשלחת הקבועה  
של ישראל לאומות המאוחדות  
וינה

31 October 1985

Dear Commissioner-General,

Over the past years, vacant parts of the Ein el Sultan and Aqabat Jabr refugee camps in the Jericho area have suffered large scale deterioration. In view of the danger this poses to the health of the people in the area, we believe it to be in the public interest to clear those vacant parts of the camps which have seriously deteriorated.

I can assure you that the Israeli authorities will not damage any structures in the camps used by local residents, as well as adjacent kitchen gardens cultivated by them. The same applies to UNRWA installations and related structures. Before any demolition or clearance commences, the areas to be left intact will be agreed upon locally with UNRWA on appropriate aerial photographs or by other agreed technical means. Damage caused to roads, waterpipes or other parts of the infrastructure of the camps in connection with the clearance work will be promptly set right by the Israeli authorities at their expense.

The clearance work will be arranged at no cost to UNRWA and in a manner designed to cause the minimum inconvenience to all concerned. The areas, when cleared, will not be used by the Israeli authorities, who will return them to the sole possession of UNRWA for appropriate use by UNRWA in accordance with agreed procedures.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed]

MICHAEL ELIZUR  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Mr. Olof Rydbeck  
Commissioner-General  
UNRWA  
Vienna International Centre

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 31 October 1985 by the exchange of the said letters.

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## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL

31 October 1985

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Dear Ambassador Elizur,

Please refer to your letter of 31 October 1985 relating to the Ein el Sultan and Aqabat Jabr refugee camps in the Jericho area, in which you inform me that the Israeli authorities believe it to be in the public interest to clear those parts of the camps which have seriously deteriorated, in view of the danger this poses to the health of the people in the area.

I concede that parts of the camps have deteriorated to a point where they cannot be restored, and that they may pose dangers to the health of the neighbouring population.

You will, however, appreciate that the sites of the camps were made available to the Agency by the Jordanian Government for certain specific purposes, and I am glad to note the assurances in your letter including the assurance that the areas cleared will not be used by the Israeli authorities who will return them to the sole possession of UNRWA for appropriate use by UNRWA in accordance with agreed procedures.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

OLOF RYDBECK  
Commissioner-General

H. E. Mr. Michael Elizur  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations in Vienna  
Vienna

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