EXCHANGES OF NOTES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND UNRWA
CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE
REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Jerusalem, Israel

Jerusalem, 14 June 1967

Dear Commissioner-General,

I wish to refer to the conversations I have had with you and your colleagues within the last two days, and to confirm our agreement that, at the request of the Israel Government, UNRWA would continue its assistance to the Palestine refugees, with the full co-operation of the Israel authorities, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip areas.

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For its part, the Israel Government will facilitate the task of UNRWA to the best of its ability, subject only to regulations or arrangements which may be necessitated by considerations of military security. On this understanding, we are prepared to agree in principle:

(a) To ensure the protection and security of the personnel, installations and property of UNRWA;

(b) To permit the free movement of UNRWA vehicles into, within and out of Israel and the areas in question;

(c) To permit the international staff of the Agency to move into, out and within Israel and the areas in question; they will be provided with identity documents and other passes which might be required;

(d) To permit the local staff of the Agency to move within the areas in question under arrangements made or to be made with the military authorities;

(e) To provide radio, telecommunication and landing facilities;

(f) Pending a further supplementary agreement, to maintain the previously existing financial arrangements with the governmental authorities then responsible for the areas in question, concerning—

(i) exemptions from customs duties, taxes and charges on importation of supplies, goods and equipment;

(ii) provision free of charge of warehousing, labour for offloading and handling, and transport by rail or road in the areas under our control;

(iii) such other costs to the Agency as were previously met by the governmental authorities concerned;

(א) לענה את תפקידה של אונר"א כ𝓀𝓀י¹⁰⁾possibly, unless required only by military security considerations. Under this understanding, we are prepared to agree in principle:

(א) להבטיח את הגנתם וביטחוןם של חבר העובדים, המתקנים והרכוש של אונר"א;

(ב)⽇הלחágina ל敝ורם את ה搬到 של כל המבוצר של אונר"א בין ישראל והשטחים הנידונים;

(ג') להתיר לחבר העובדים הבין־לאומי של הסוכנות לנוע אל ישראל והשטחים הנידונים, בהם, ובתוכם; הם יצויידו במסמך זהות, כרטיס זהות, וסירות אחרים מסבירת שבית חי וסירות אחרים העשויות להידרש;

(ד') להתיר לחבר העובדים המקומי של הסוכנות לנוע בתוך השטחים הנידונים לפי הסדרים שנעשו, או שייעשו, עם הרשויות הצבאיות;

(ה') לספק שירותים תרבותיים, טלקומוניקציה והגנה;

(ו') עד להסכם משלים־נוסף, לקיים את ההסדרים הכספיים שהיו קיימים לפנים עם הרשות הממשלתיות, שיווקזות אז לשטחים הנידונים, לענין —

(א) פטור מתשלומי מכס, מסים והיטלים, על יבואם של אספקה, טובים וציוד;

(ב')をごופס חדש, ייחודי לשימור למיבות, ולהוספת היות והleave לא פעיל;

(ג') ביצוא וביבוא של מים, זורמים, וقوا זורמים אחרים שבית חי;

(ו') שטחי הריות ולтяжויות, ללא ניטול אץ;
To recognize that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946, to which Israel is a party, shall govern the relations between the Government and UNRWA in all that concerns UNRWA’s functions.

The present letter and your acceptance in writing will be considered by the Government of Israel and by UNRWA as a provisional agreement which will remain in force until replaced or cancelled.

I have the honour to be,

Michael Comay
Political Adviser to the Foreign Minister and Ambassador-at-Large

Dr. Lawrence Michelmore,
Commissioner-General,
United Nations Relief and Works Agency.
Your Excellency,

I refer to your letter of to-day’s date, and wish to confirm that UNRWA is willing to continue its assistance to the Palestine refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip areas on the basis proposed in your letter. This will be subject to such further supplementary agreements as may be required, and to detailed arrangements which UNRWA representatives will make with the authorities in the two areas concerned.

Naturally, this co-operation implies no commitment or position by UNRWA with regard to the status of any of the areas in question, or of any instrument relating to them, but is concerned solely with the continuation of its humanitarian task.

As I explained in our conversation, the facilities enumerated in paras. (a) to (g) of your letter are essential if the Agency is to operate effectively. For this reason I expect that such restrictions as may for the time being be placed on the full use of those facilities will be removed as soon as considerations of military security permit this.

I agree that your letter and this reply constitute a provisional agreement between UNRWA and the Government of Israel, to remain in force until replaced or cancelled. UNRWA’s agreement is subject to any relevant instructions or resolutions emanating from the United Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

Lawrence Michelmore
Commissioner-General

His Excellency Michael Comay,
Political Adviser to the Foreign Minister of Israel and Ambassador-at-Large.