

Jerusalem, 17 Tammuz 5762

June 27, 2002

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To: Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Defense

I have the honor to bring to your attention Resolution 2077 of the Government [adopted at] its session on Sunday, 13 Tammuz 5762 (23.06.2002):

2077. Seam Zone

[The Government] decides:

- a. The Government reiterated the supreme importance of unity for the ability to face political and security challenges.
- b. Consequently:
  - 1) The Government was presented with the security concept for the Seam Zone, Jerusalem Periphery and the Eastern Seam Zone – [the latter] will be discussed. (The map is in the Government Secretariat.)
  - 2) [The Government decides] to confirm the implementation of Phase A of the fence, as presented by the security apparatus.
  - 3) As part of Phase A, [the Government decides] to approve the erection of security fences and barriers in the Seam Zone and Jerusalem Periphery in order to reduce terrorist incursions from the West Bank to perform terror attacks in Israel;
  - 4) The fence, as are the other barriers, is a security provision. Its establishment does not constitute a political or other border.
  - 5) The ministers can present suggestions (in writing) with regard to the fence route to the Prime Minister or Minister of Defense by the end of this month (June);
  - 6) The exact and final route of the fence shall be determined by the Prime Minister and Minister of Defense. In case of a disagreement between the two, the Prime Minister will bring the subject before the Ministerial Committee on National Security or the Government. The final route shall be presented to the Ministerial Committee on National Security or the Government.
  - 7) The Ministers of Defense and Finance shall discuss budgetary concerns.

Regards,

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Government Secretary

CC: Members of the Government, Military Secretary to the Prime Minister