

AGREEMENT ON OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

between

Palestine Red Crescent Society

and

Magen David Adom in Israel

This agreement on Operational Arrangements is concluded in accordance with paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of 28 November 2005 between Magen David Adom in Israel (MDA) and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

The operational arrangements contained in this agreement should not be interpreted in any political or legal way but rather as practical arrangements to facilitate to the best ability of both societies their humanitarian mandate in accordance with international humanitarian law and with the Statutes, Rules and Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Nothing in this agreement or any other agreed practical arrangement should in any way affect the legal status of the Palestinian territory or any part of it as agreed in the MoU.

MDA and PRCS have agreed on the following operational arrangements:

1. MDA will assist PRCS through lobbying and advocacy to the relevant Israeli authorities in:
 - a. securing freedom of movement for PRCS ambulances and vehicles throughout the Palestinian territory to provide urgent medical services and other humanitarian services;
 - b. enabling PRCS vehicles, ambulances and staff access to all those who need urgent medical services and other humanitarian services;
 - c. facilitating the passage of ambulances through checkpoints and the establishment of separate fast lanes for ambulances to bring patients to Israeli hospitals when necessary; and to facilitate the passage of patients through the Allenby Bridge;
 - d. facilitating the passage of patients where necessary between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank;
 - e. providing for sterile zones for PRCS ambulances at relevant checkpoints;
 - f. enabling access and stationing for PRCS ambulances to the Red Crescent Maternity Hospital in East Jerusalem, and facilitating access to hospitals, medical and other humanitarian services as specified by the Liaison Committee.

2. MDA and PRCS will enhance their cooperation in fulfilling their humanitarian mandates through:
 - a. **Establish a hotline:** A hotline will be established between the EMS of both societies to facilitate communication and contact between them to solve issues considered important by either party.
 - b. **Communication system:** They will establish and develop means of communication between them using, *inter alia*, landline phones, cellular phones and GPS systems, etc.
 - c. **Exchange of knowledge and experience :** Knowledge and experience will be exchanged in areas such as disaster preparedness, EMS, first aid through joint and reciprocal trainings, meetings, volunteers and youth exchanges.
 - d. **Regular meetings of EMS, youth and volunteers:** They will establish a Liaison Committee to meet monthly or more frequently when needed, at the

level of directors of operations, to ensure that the best available assistance can be brought to the support of people in need.

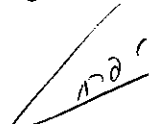
- e. **Awareness raising programs:** The two societies will promote respect of the medical mission and of the emblems by weapons carrier, general public and decision and law makers. They will also continue to disseminate amongst their staff and volunteers and the general public fundamental principles of the Movement and the rules of international humanitarian law.
- f. **Cooperation in blood bank issues :** The two societies will cooperate on all issues of mutual interest, such as blood donation, blood transfusion services, storage and technical training.

This agreement will enter into force upon signature by the Chairman of MDA and the President of PRCS subsequent to its approval by their respective executive boards.

Signed in Geneva on 28 November 2005

For the Palestine Red Crescent Society

For Magen David Adom in Israel



Younis Al-Khatib
President

Dr. Noam Yifrach
Chairman

In witness thereof

For the Swiss Government

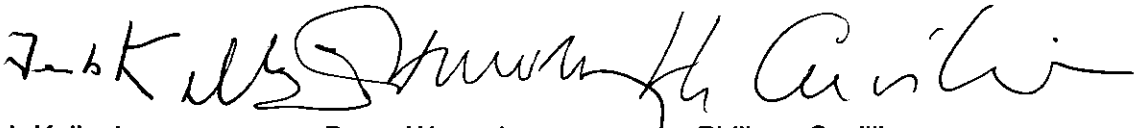


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