

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Palestine Red Crescent Society

and

Magen David Adom in Israel

Magen David Adom in Israel (MDA) and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), in an effort to facilitate the adoption of a Third Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and to pave the way for the membership of both societies in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; committed to operating in accordance with international humanitarian law and with the Statutes, Rules and Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and wishing to facilitate their cooperation, agree that:

1. MDA and PRCS will operate in conformity with the legal framework applicable to the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel in 1967, including the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 on the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.
2. MDA and PRCS recognize that PRCS is the authorized national society in the Palestinian territory and that this territory is within the geographical scope of the operational activities and of the competences of PRCS. MDA and PRCS will respect each other's jurisdiction and will operate in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of the Movement.
3. After the Third Protocol Additional is adopted and by the time MDA is admitted by the General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies:
 - a. MDA will ensure that it has no chapters outside the internationally recognized borders of the State of Israel.
 - b. Operational activities of one society within the jurisdiction of the other society will be conducted in accordance with the consent provision of resolution 11 of the 1921 international conference.
 - c. MDA and PRCS will use a distinctive emblem in conformity with the requirements of the Geneva Conventions and its Third Additional Protocol, and the Statutes and Rules of the Movement.
4. MDA and PRCS will work together and separately within their jurisdictions to end any misuse of the emblem and will work with their respective authorities to ensure respect for their humanitarian mandate and for international humanitarian law.
5. MDA and PRCS will operate in accordance with a peace agreement reached between the Israeli and Palestinian authorities.

6. MDA and PRCS will cooperate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding upon the signature of this Memorandum and through operational arrangements as agreed by the joint technical working group.

7. This Memorandum of Understanding 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



Micheline Calmy-Rey
Federal Councillor

For the ICRC

For the IFRC

For the Standing
Commission



Jakob Kellenberger
President

Bengt Westerberg
Vice President



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Special Representative on
the Emblem