



Congress of the Peoples – Alternative Solutions

Two State Solution – Israel & Palestine

“Good fences make good neighbors” – After more than hundred years of a violent conflict, the only viable solution to the conflict is partition of the land. There will be two states for the two peoples – Israel and Palestine in the West Bank & Gaza. The boarder will be based on the 1949 Armistice line (the “green” line) with border adjustments and land swaps. Gaza would be connected to the West Bank via secure bridges and tunnels once the Palestinian government is united. Most Palestinian refugees will be granted the opportunity to resettle only in Palestine. Jerusalem will be divided into two Capitals – east Jerusalem for Palestinians and west Jerusalem for Israelis. A special arrangement on the holy sites (the walled area): everyone can visit the holy sites; however, only Muslims can pray on the Temple Mount and only Jews can pray at the Western Wall.

One Nation State – The Israeli Federation and the Republic of Gaza

The fate of Israeli and Palestinians in the West Bank is intertwined. Interactions between the two peoples is inevitable in almost any possible dimension, including geographically, economically and, even, emotionally. There will be an Israeli state incorporating Israel and the West Bank and a new Palestinian state incorporating Gaza and an additional area of Egyptian Sinai Peninsula. The Israeli state will become a federation – the Israeli Federation – the Palestinian state in Gaza will become a republic – the Republic of Gaza.

Israelis and Palestinians will draft a constitution, which will determine the power sharing arrangement of the central government and the administrative authority of two states Israel and Palestine (in the West Bank). Israelis and Palestinians, who live in the region, will become equal citizens of the Israeli Federation. The rules of the Federation – such as immigration laws – will be determined in the federation constitution according to the needs, fears and concern of the two peoples.

Two Cooperative States – Israeli-Palestinian Confederation

The confederal solution grows out of the limitations of the two classic solutions: Two States and One Nation State. Two State Solution - Complete separation between two peoples who have deep emotional and historic connection to the land, is undesirable and will not lead to an end to the conflict. One State Solution - Complete unification between two peoples who are engaged in a long-lasting, deep-rooted conflict - is not viable or practical. The confederal solution is based on principles and insights of these two “poles” of the solution spectrum (Two States and One State) to offer an intermediate option which could limit the grievances of each side while maximize their benefits.

There will be two independent sovereign states – Israel and Palestine – with joint political, civilian and security mechanisms and institutions to maintain order and stability, and to enable the sharing of the land within this framework. The self-governing states (Israel and Palestine) will become the primary political units while the joint authority (the confederal administration) will have a limited political power.