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Framework Proposal for a National Strategy Regarding Judea and Samaria and the Issue of Eretz Israel Arabs

The Central Objective:

Consolidating a political proposal with the intention of halting Israel's defeatist campaign that is manifest in its most extreme form in the conduct of the Olmert Government.

The Projected Audience:

- The Israeli public, the overwhelming majority of which (the silent majority) considers Israel defeatism an existential threat; however it lacks a clear, reasonable alternative supported by the political echelon.
- Many organizations, both within the Jewish world and beyond, primarily in the United States, which identify with the national camp but lack a determined, unequivocal message coming from Israel.
- Many Senators and Congressmen in Washington are perplexed in light of Israel's defeatism and suddenly find themselves in a position of being "holier than the Pope".

Implementation:

A political program that opposes the government policy requires a synthesis of two components:

1. A detailed political proposal, based on the work of a reliable, independent think tank.
2. Parliamentary support for the proposal.

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After 21 years of publishing *Nativ* and 11 years since the founding of the Ariel Center for Policy Research (ACPR), the time has come to issue a national program and no longer suffice with criticism – justified and reasoned though it may be. Over the course of two decades, more than

1,000 erudite articles from a long line of first-rate scholars have been published in *Nativ*. The ACPR has, as of today, published 175 studies and a series of books covering most of the aspects relating to the existential rationale of the State of Israel. However, as mentioned above, all of the copious material dealt predominantly with criticism and not with a political proposal that comes to offer a solution to the tangled web of existential problems facing the Jewish state.

The proposal in question includes a framework program for national strategy in the issue that is the crux of the problem: The areas of Judea and Samaria and the Arabs living there (referred to euphemistically as "Palestinians"). The complications that surround all of the problems facing the State of Israel – from the Iranian nuclear threat via the conduct of the political echelon, through the relations with the United States – all primarily stem from the lack of a resolution to this problem.

A perusal of the defeatist campaign of Israeli governments since the transfer of Sinai and the destruction of the settlements in the Camp David Accords through the systems-collapse in the Olmert Government, raises very difficult question marks regarding the ability of the State of Israel to survive if and when this government or the one that succeeds it, implements its plot to establish a sovereign Arab entity in Western Land of Israel, i.e. a terrorist entity in the heart of the Jewish state..

The strategic trend, as of today, is perfectly clear. The objectives of Teheran and Damascus (and the Iranians make these statements openly and declaratively) is to surround Israel from the north, the south and the center with an Arab terrorist entity that will lead to the destruction of the State of Israel. The miserable performance of the IDF during the Second Lebanon War proved to Israel's enemies that 4,000 Hizbullah fighters armed with rifles and rockets circa World War II are capable of standing against a modern army armed with strategic weapons systems.

In the period that has elapsed since the war, there has been a far-reaching escalation in the scope, the armaments and the preparedness of the Hizbullah troops in preparation for the next war.

A similar situation is taking place in the south. The ethnic cleansing perpetrated by Israel against the settlers of the Gaza Strip transformed Gaza into a Hamas military base almost immediately. Here too, the rate of armament is lethal and within a year or two, Hamas will gain the operational capability to strike at planes and armored vehicles as well as rocket capability that will threaten Beersheba.

The establishment of an Arab terrorist state on the outskirts of Greater Tel Aviv will subject Israel to a choke hold from all its borders and will strip it of its right to exist even within the 1949 borders. This trend – which cannot be described as anything other than national suicide – is openly and declaratively led by the Olmert/Livni Government.

Thus, the time has come to make public a sane proposal in order to attempt to block the defeatist trends that have become, as mentioned above, the staple of the political echelon.

The proposal in question does not contain a magical formula for a "New Middle East", "peace" or "resolution of conflict". It is problematic and difficult and will therefore encounter Arab hostility and international, primarily European, antagonism. However, it will be received supportively by broad circles worldwide, including by many of Israel's friends in the two houses of Congress – the central focal point of power in the West. Furthermore, the sole advantage of this proposal is

that it is the “least of all evils” as every alternative is nothing other than a recipe for national disaster.

The concrete proposal that will be submitted to members of Knesset will be based on a comprehensive study carried out by the Ariel Center and will appear in book form in Hebrew and English. The study will be divided into two sections:

- A. An analysis of the current situation through analysis of the short term political trends.
- B. The political proposal that is intended to thwart the current campaign of defeatism.

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A. An analysis of the current situation through assessment of the short term political trends.

1. General foreword
2. Israel as a forward outpost of the Western civilization against the Islamic expanse – and therefore a primary and decisive objective in the “war of the civilizations”.
3. The Arabs of Eretz Israel – the Arab-Moslem spearhead in its war against Israel.
4. The establishment of a “Palestinian state” and its legal, military and political ramifications.
(The demand for partition borders, return of refugees, military pacts, membership in the Arab League, etc., i.e. “The Palestinian state will be established upon the ruins of the State of Israel!” – Yizhak Rabin)
5. The delusion of the “peace process” – the Geneva document as a representative model of political blindness.
6. Defeatism as an outgrowth of the weariness of the Israeli public.
7. Trends of self-destruction among the Israeli Left.
8. Escalation of the Israeli Arab struggle to destroy the State of Israel from within (a state of all its citizens, autonomy in the Galilee, etc.).

B. Political Proposal

1. Extending Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria.
2. “Jordan is Palestine” and restoration of Jordanian citizenship to the Arabs in Judea and Samaria.
3. Municipal autonomy for the Arabs of Judea and Samaria (on the basis of the Camp David Accords) accompanied by a total disarmament of the autonomous areas.
4. The areas of Arab settlements located on private property (the Mosaic Program by Dr. Yuval Arnon Ohanna).

5. Military liquidation of the military infrastructure in Gaza and according responsibility for the area to Egypt.
6. Israeli Arabs: Equal rights in exchange for equal obligations.

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Two Comments:

1. The submitted proposal relies to a certain extent on the “Israeli Initiative” – MK Binyamin Elon’s program. That is in terms of its two primary components: A. Extension of Israeli sovereignty over Judea and Samaria; B. Restoring Jordanian citizenship to the Arabs of Judea and Samaria.
2. The proposal is unilateral, i.e. no one is deluding himself at present that the Arab side will accept the proposed resolution. However, that is a situation that is ongoing for sixty years and any proposal that contains anything less than Israel’s political and military liquidation is summarily rejected by our neighbors. (See on that note the Saudi proposal that is unifying many of the Arab enemy countries at present).

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The “Mosaic Map” by Dr Yuval Arnon-Ohanna will appear in the next issue.

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