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WORKING PAPER ON

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR JERUSALEM

1. The International City of Jerusalem should constitute a corpus separatum, legally distinct from any other state or states. Consequently the law of Jerusalem should be its own law and not that of any other state. 1
2. The area of the City of Jerusalem should be permanently demilitarized and neutralized.
3. Within the boundaries of the City, Jewish and Arab zones should have maximum local autonomy based on democratic principles.
4. A United Nations Authority should be established with power to regulate:
 - (a) Protection of and free access to the Holy Places;
 - (b) Protection of human rights and the rights of distinctive groups;
 - (c) Free access to and from Jerusalem and within the City;
 - (d) Common public services;
 - (e) Maintenance of peace and order in the City. Local law and order to be maintained by the respective Arab and Jewish administrations;
 - (f) Financial and budgetary matters;
 - (g) External relations.
5. In addition to local courts in the Arab and Jewish zones, there should be an international judiciary which will seize itself of conflicts regarding jurisdiction between religious courts or between religious and

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civil courts. It should furthermore have original and appellate jurisdiction in all cases involving claims that any laws or official acts are incompatible with the provisions of the Statute.

6. There should be provision for Jerusalem citizenship. (This principle is without prejudice to further decisions regarding retention of citizenship in other states.)