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## At the Cabinet meeting 11.04.06

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3. The Cabinet discussed policy regarding the Palestinian Authority following the swearing-in of the Hamas government. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, IDF Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Dan Halutz and GOC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Yedlin were among those who presented their views on the issue and on the problems facing the PA and the Hamas government. The Cabinet decided as follows:

Following the Palestinian Authority elections and the subsequent 25.3.06 swearing-in of the Hamas government, a government which recognizes neither the existence of the State of Israel nor the agreements that have been signed with it and which has not disavowed the path of terrorism:

- A. The Palestinian Authority is a terrorist authority that is hostile to Israel;
- B. The State of Israel, and all of its official representatives, will not hold ties with the Palestinian Authority and its elements.
- C. The Palestinian Authority is one authority; therefore, neither the Palestinian Authority Chairman nor his office will be treated any differently. However, there will be no personal disavowal of the Palestinian Authority Chairman.
- D. Foreign officials who are visiting the region and who meet with Hamas elements will not be received, during the same visit, for meetings with Israeli officials.
- E. Israel will coordinate with the international community regarding humanitarian assistance for the needs of the Palestinian population, not via the Palestinian Authority establishment.
- F. Subject to security considerations, the Gaza Strip crossings will be open in order to allow the entry of humanitarian assistance into the Gaza Strip.

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