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Dear Mr. Chancellor,

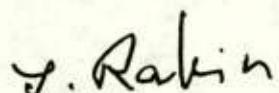
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DEAR HELMUT.

AS THE AMMAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IS APPROACHING I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE WITH YOU A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE BOTH FROM THE ECONOMIC AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL ASPECT. FOR MORE THAN A YEAR A MAJOR EFFORT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH A MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT BANK. ALL THE REGIONAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS SUPPORT THE IDEA AND SO DO SOME IMPORTANT NON-REGIONALS LIKE JAPAN, CANADA, THE U.S. AND INDEED, SOME EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERS. I WILL NOT DWELL ON THE DETAILS AND I AM CONFIDENT YOUR OFFICIALS CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THEM. I WOULD LIKE THOUGH TO EMPHASIZE THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF CREATING THIS INSTITUTION WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE REGION. IT WILL BRING TOGETHER BOTH ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS INTO AN ECONOMIC BODY WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY AND ON THE POLICY-MAKING LEVEL TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE REGION. THE M.E. DEVELOPMENT BANK WILL HAVE TO WORK WITH OTHER EXISTING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID MISTAKES COMMITTED BY SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE GLOBE.

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Diplomatic Adviser to The Prime Minister

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September 3, 1995

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With my best regards,

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Message by Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl to Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin concerning Expo 2000

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Federal Republic of Germany I would like to invite Israel to take part in the Expo 2000 World Exhibition in Hannover.

The exhibition will run from 1 June to 31 October 2000. It was recognized and registered as a universal exhibition by the General Assembly of the International Exhibitions Bureau in Paris on 7 December 1994 in accordance with the provisions of the 1928 Convention relating to international exhibitions.

The general theme of the exhibition is "Man - Nature - Technology". The aim of the exhibition is to direct the world's attention to the global problems which will affect all peoples on this earth at the beginning of the next century and to seek joint solutions to them. Against this background, participating nations could use Expo 2000 as an opportunity to present proposals and suggestions for shaping the future in such a way as to preserve human dignity.

I invite your government to participate in the preparation and implementation of the exhibition with initiatives, ideas and contributions. I hope that your country will take part in Expo 2000 and that the decision to do so can be taken soon.

Together we should make every effort to identify solutions to the problems facing humanity on the threshold of the new century.

The Federal Government has appointed Frau Birgit Breuel as General Commissioner of the exhibition. She is the Federal Government's commissioner for Expo 2000 and the contact person for foreign governments and international organizations. Frau Breuel will be in touch with your government soon. I have also instructed the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to provide you with further information should you have any questions regarding the exhibition.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Helmut Kohl

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Dear Mr. Chancellor,

During your visit to Israel and that of the Minister of Economic Cooperation, Dr. C.D. Spranger, we held lengthy discussions on the future of the annual loan of 140 million DM to Israel by the German Government. The loan was, and continues to be, predicated on Germany's moral and political commitment to Israel.

Since the 1960s, this loan assisted Israel in creating a strong and healthy society, while absorbing hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees, mainly from the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. Almost 700,000 Jews have been absorbed in recent years and about 75,000 new immigrants are arriving annually.

In order to make the continuing peace process successful and comprehensive, Israel will have to make very far-reaching decisions - some entailing severe political, economic and security risks. the German Government's decision to discontinue the annual loan, especially at this crucial juncture, places Israel in a very serious and difficult situation and explains our deep disappointment.

I would like to offer a compromise which combines the objectives of Germany's support for the Middle East peace process, while enabling Israel to continue to absorb the new waves of immigrants and to face the challenges of peace. It is important to note that during the next few years most regional projects will be only in their early stages - namely that of feasibility studies and initial planning during which disbursement of financial resources is limited. At a later stage some of the projects may be financed by the private sector or multilateral financial institutions.

H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl
Chancellor of the
Federal Republic of Germany
Bonn, Germany

Israel proposes using the German Government's Annual Loan for the following purposes:

1. Construction of roads and infrastructure in the West Bank.
2. Projects creating water and electricity networks in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.
3. Construction of a super-infrastructure for industrial parks in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank in order to create thousands of jobs for Palestinians.
4. Establishment of additional border-crossings between Israel, Jordan and Egypt.
5. Building of schools in Israel, including for the Arab sector of East Jerusalem.
6. Vocational training for new immigrants in Israel.
7. Helping to defray the cost of Israeli Army redeployment and withdrawal from Palestinian urban centers in the West Bank, thus strengthening this vital stage of the peace process.

The appropriation of the German loan for these purposes will enable, in my opinion, the integration of your Government's major objectives. The continued strengthening of Israel will also facilitate the peace process and its various political, economic and security aspects. I therefore urge you to reconsider this issue and I would be willing to discuss it with your Government at the earliest convenient date.

Sincerely yours,


Yitzhak Rabin

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THE PRIME MINISTER

JERUSALEM, 7-SEP-1995

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

DURING YOUR EXCELLENCY'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AND THAT OF THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, DR. C.D. SPRANGER, WE HELD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE ANNUAL LOAN OF 140 MILLION DM TO ISRAEL BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THIS LOAN WAS ^N AND CONTINUES TO BE, PREDICATED ON GERMANY'S MORAL AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.

SINCE THE 1960'S, THIS LOAN ASSISTED ISRAEL IN CREATING A STRONG AND HEALTHY SOCIETY, WHILE ABSORBING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWISH REFUGEES, MAINLY FROM THE MIDDLE EAST AND ^{THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.} EAST EUROPE. ALMOST 700,000 JEWS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED IN RECENT YEARS AND ^{ABOUT 35,000} NEW IMMIGRANTS ARE ARRIVING AT THE ANNUAL RATE OF ABOUT 75,000. ^{ANNUALLY}

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE CONTINUING PEACE PROCESS SUCCESSFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE, ISRAEL WILL HAVE TO MAKE VERY FAR-REACHING DECISIONS - SOME ENTAILING SEVERE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY RISKS. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO DISCONTINUE THE ANNUAL LOAN, ESPECIALLY AT THIS CRUCIAL JUNCTURE, PLACES ISRAEL IN A VERY SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT SITUATION AND EXPLAINS OUR DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT.

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I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A COMPROMISE WHICH COMBINES THE OBJECTIVES & OF GERMANY'S SUPPORT FOR THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS ^{WHILE} AND OF ENABLING ISRAEL TO CONTINUE TO ABSORB THE NEW WAVES OF IMMIGRANTS, AND TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF PEACE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MOST REGIONAL PROJECTS WILL BE ONLY IN THEIR EARLY STAGES - ^{MANLY} ~~MANLY~~ OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND INITIAL PLANNING, DURING WHICH DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES IS LIMITED. AT A LATER STAGE, ^{PROPOSED} SOME OF THE PROJECTS MAY BE FINANCED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT BANK.

ISRAEL PROPOSES TO USE THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL LOAN FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

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אל: סמכ"ל כלכלית - משה"ח

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