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WITTENBERG DECLARATION OF THE 5th FORUM OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

In July 2007, delegations from Jordan and Israel, led by the Amman Center for Peace and Development and the Peres Center for Peace met in Wittenberg to hold the 5th Forum on Economic Cooperation. The seminar was hosted by the Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics and supported by DaimlerChrysler whose representatives actively contributed to the success of the forum, which ties in with the preceding four seminars and builds on their positive and encouraging outcomes.

This year's topic was water, the life's essential resource and a crucial touchstone for realizing a fruitful cooperation for mutual advantage. The participants agreed that there exists a huge potential of possible projects which are beneficial for both sides in economic terms as well as for accumulating joint experience of success, a deepened mutual understanding and trust.

After three days of intensive discussion, the participants developed the following three ideas for fostering cooperation between the two countries:

1. To set up a joint task force for water resource management, uses, and development to cover the fields of rehabilitation of the Jordan Valley, waste water and marginal water treatment systems, water harvesting, aquaculture and other related topics as well as establishing an internet network platform.
2. Establish three Research & Development sites along the Jordan Valley on privately owned farm properties to implement the recommendations of the task force.
3. The thrust of this cooperation will be the mutual sharing of knowledge using all feasible methods for capacity training.

Reaffirming our commitment to peace and development, we – the participants – appreciate the significance of cooperation in the water sector to overcome the problems of water deficit in the region as well as being a major component to enhance the national welfare of both countries. The meeting identified a number of potential win-win-situations to all concerned. This will be a major ingredient to consolidate peace and prosperity in the region.

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