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# ***THE GENEVA PROCLAMATION: A NEW PATH TO PEACE***

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# ABOUT THE GLOBAL CHALLENGES FORUM FOUNDATION

## *Mission and Vision:*

- **The Swiss Foundation, established in 2012, is dedicated to enhancing global security, promoting sustainable development, and pioneering solutions for a prosperous future.**
- **Operating at the nexus of diplomacy, academia, and innovation, it focuses on creating actionable solutions for pressing global challenges, emphasizing peace, development, and next-generation leadership.**





# Introduction to the Geneva Proclamation

**"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."  
– Albert Einstein**

*“Today, on the United Nations International Day for Peace, we gather in Geneva—a city that embodies hope, diplomacy, and dialogue. The **Geneva Proclamation** is more than a declaration; it is a bold call to transform one of the world’s most enduring conflicts through Swiss neutrality, wisdom, and vision. This proclamation is a commitment to justice, equality, tolerance, and shared human dignity, setting the stage for the **Geneva Accord**—a new path forward to a binational state for Israelis and Palestinians, built on shared governance and mutual respect.”*

**Walter L. Christman, Chairman and Founding Director**

**Beatrice Bressan, Chief Executive Officer**

# The Geneva Proclamation – Key Points



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**Purpose:** Renew commitment to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict using Geneva’s legacy as a neutral ground for diplomacy and conflict resolution.

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**Geneva’s Role:** As the “Capital of Peace,” Geneva hosts key organizations that promote dialogue, human rights, and sustainable development.

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**Introducing the Geneva Accord:** A new framework promoting coexistence, equality, and shared governance inspired by Swiss neutrality and inclusivity.

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**Focus on Justice and Dignity:** The Accord emphasizes peace as more than the absence of conflict, advocating for justice, equality, and interfaith dialogue.



# Reimagining Peace: The Geneva Proclamation's Pathway to a Unified Future

- **Breaking New Ground Beyond Oslo:** The *Geneva Accord* seeks to overcome the limitations of past agreements, such as the Oslo Accords, by engaging in a dynamic, inclusive, and international peace process rooted in Geneva's historic role as a global hub for diplomacy.
- **A Unified Effort Under Swiss Leadership:** By coordinating with key international stakeholders, the *Geneva Accord* positions Switzerland as a neutral facilitator, bringing together diverse voices and expertise to craft a groundbreaking framework for conflict resolution that sets a new global standard.
- **Building on Diplomatic Successes:** Leveraging the momentum of recent diplomatic milestones like the Abraham Accords, this innovative framework introduces fresh strategies for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, culminating in a transformative Geneva Summit that aims to redefine what is possible.



## Track II Diplomatic Framework and Summit



**Neutral Ground, Bold Vision:** Switzerland's neutrality provides a safe space for revolutionary ideas. The Track II framework in Geneva will shape actionable strategies for a unified binational state, drawing on the strengths of Swiss mediation and diplomacy.

**Summit in Geneva: Crafting a Shared Future:** The proposed summit will bring together key stakeholders to refine the vision of a binational state, setting a precedent for collaborative governance and peaceful coexistence.

**Interfaith and Intercommunity Dialogue:** Facilitated in collaboration with Swiss leadership from multiple sectors, these dialogues will be critical in building trust and understanding between communities, ensuring the unified state respects all faiths and identities.



# The Geneva Accord – A Vision for a Binational State

## Creating a Coexistent Future:

The Accord proposes a groundbreaking approach—a binational state where Israelis and Palestinians coexist with equal rights, shared governance, and mutual respect. This is not just a political solution; it's a blueprint for peace.



## Innovative Governance

**Models:** Inspired by Switzerland's own confederation, the Accord envisions a shared governance structure that balances autonomy and cooperation, allowing both communities to retain their distinct identities while cooperating on common goals.



## A New Social Contract:

**Contract:** Moving beyond the limitations of the two-state model, the Geneva Accord offers a vision of unity, equity, and shared prosperity that respects the histories, aspirations, and needs of both peoples.





# Proposed Implementation Measures of the Geneva Accord



- **BINATIONAL STATE MODEL: A NEW VISION OF COEXISTENCE:**

The Accord calls for a binational state that ensures equal rights for all, with governance structures reflecting the diversity of both communities. This model promotes shared leadership, joint decision-making, and a unified vision for the future.

- **CONFEDERATION MODEL WITH SHARED GOVERNING:**

Drawing on Switzerland's confederative success, the proposed model balances local autonomy with collaborative governance, allowing both communities to manage their own affairs while working together on issues of common interest.

- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AS THE CORNERSTONE:**

Mentorship and leadership programs will equip young Israelis and Palestinians with the skills to navigate this new unified framework, ensuring that future leaders are committed to peace and cooperation.

- **INTERFAITH CUSTODIANSHIP OF AL-MASJID AL-AQSA:**

Swiss-facilitated custodianship arrangements could protect the site's sacred nature while promoting interfaith respect and dialogue, reinforcing the values of the unified state.

- **ASHAN GLOBAL COMPACT, GOVERNANCE REDEFINED:**

The Compact will guide the unified state's conduct, emphasizing equality, coexistence, and the active participation of youth in governance.

- **DIALOGUE PIONEERS: BUILDING TRUST ACROSS DIVIDES:**

Community projects and leadership training will forge new relationships based on trust and respect, vital for the success of a binational state.





# DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE COEXISTENCE OF ISRAEL-PALESTINE: A BLUEPRINT FOR SHARED GOVERNANCE AND PEACE

**Vision for Peace:** The *Confederation of Israel-Palestine*, a binational state, aims to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through equality, mutual respect, and shared governance.

**Federal Structure:** Envisions Jews and Arabs as equal citizens in autonomous regions with local governments, collaborating on national security, resource management, and economic development.

**Key Principles:** This program promotes local autonomy, youth engagement, and interfaith dialogue to address historical grievances through justice, reconciliation, and inclusive governance.

**Goal:** Transform conflict into cooperation, set a new standard for sustainable peacebuilding, and create a just, prosperous future for all.





# CONFEDERATION MODEL PRINCIPLES

## ***Distinct Governance Structures:***

- **The model envisions Israel and Palestine maintaining their governance and security systems, promoting coexistent governance over mutual interests like trade, possibly with separate currencies, and environmental management.**
- **Inspired by successful confederations such as Switzerland and Belgium, this approach emphasizes peace, resilience, and tolerance through coexistent governance and cooperation, highlighting the importance of flexibility and adaptiveness in achieving harmonious coexistence.**



# COEXISTENT GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE



## 1. **Joint Water Resources Management:**

Collaborative strategies for water resource conservation, allocation, and quality control.

**2. Energy Cooperation:** Developing and sharing renewable energy resources and possibly creating a unified energy grid.

**3. Transportation Infrastructure:** Coordinated development of roads, railways, and public transportation that benefit both populations.

**4. Education and Cultural Exchange:** Programs to foster understanding and exchange in schools, universities, and cultural institutions.

**5. Public Health and Medical Collaboration:** Shared public health initiatives and medical research, with the possibility of joint health services.

**5. Economic Development Zones:** Creation of shared industrial parks and trade zones to boost economic growth and employment.

**6. Technology and Innovation Partnership:** Joint technology parks and innovation hubs, leveraging the high-tech sectors of both states.

**7. Law Enforcement and Border Security:** Coordinate law enforcement efforts and border security to ensure safety and legal compliance.

**8. Agricultural Cooperation:** Shared agricultural projects and research for food security and sustainable farming practices.

**9. Tourism and Heritage Preservation:** Collaborative tourism initiatives and protecting historical, archeological, and religious sites.



# AHSAN COMPACT AND CODE OF CONDUCT



The AHSAN Global Compact, proposed to be based in Amman, comprises experts in international law appointed equally from Israeli and Palestinian parliamentary bodies. It oversees the Code of Conduct's implementation and can refer violations to international bodies for investigation.

## 1. Respect for Human Rights:

- Uphold principles of equality, non-discrimination, and human dignity.
- Ensure full enjoyment of human rights for all individuals, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, or gender.

## 2. Rule of Law:

- Adhere to domestic legislation and international legal obligations.
- Ensure compliance with legal frameworks within the bi-national confederation.

## 3. Peaceful Coexistence:

- Promote peace, reconciliation, and non-violent conflict resolution.
- Prohibit actions inciting violence, hatred, or hostility.

## 4. Mutual Respect and Understanding:

- Encourage dialogue, mutual respect, and understanding.
- Support efforts to bridge cultural, religious, and historical divides.

## 5. Economic Cooperation:

- Foster economic cooperation, shared prosperity, and sustainable development.
- Prioritize initiatives for job creation, entrepreneurship, and equitable economic growth.

## 6. Protection of Civilians:

- Prioritize the safety and well-being of civilians, especially during conflict.
- Adhere to principles of proportionality and precaution to minimize harm.

## 7. Environmental Sustainability:

- Prioritize environmental conservation and sustainable development.
- Address environmental challenges collaboratively for present and future generations.

## 8. Accountability and Transparency:

- Establish mechanisms for accountability, transparency, and redress of grievances.
- Provide access to information and avenues for legal recourse.

## 9. Conflict Resolution:

- Resolve disputes through peaceful means, such as negotiation or mediation.
- Utilize the AHSAN Global Compact as a forum for impartial advice and assistance.

## 10. Commitment to International Law:

- Uphold obligations under international law, including humanitarian and human rights law.
- Address violations promptly and effectively through appropriate international bodies.



# ***DIALOGUE PIONEERS:*** **YOUNG VOICES FOR** **TRUST AND RECONCILIATION**



**Goal:** Empower young Israelis and Palestinians for trust-building and reconciliation.

**Activities:**

- Structured dialogue forums led by peace experts.
- Leadership and conflict resolution training.
- Community engagement projects showcasing cooperation.

**Outcomes:**

- Cultivated leadership skilled in peace and trust building.
- Enhanced mutual understanding and empathy.
- Established network of young peacebuilders.

**Impact:**

- Sustained momentum towards peace.
- Documented successes to inspire societal change.

**Vision:** Redefine Israeli-Palestinian relations through dialogue, mutual respect, and cooperative peace efforts.



## ENHANCED CALL TO ACTION FOR VISION 2030



### ***Strategic Alignment:***

- This call to action proposes a strategic meeting to align the **GENEVA ACCORD** with Saudi Arabia's **Vision 2030**. It emphasizes the synergy between peace initiatives and broader goals of stability, prosperity, and regional development.
- By integrating the principles of the Geneva Accord with *Vision 2030's* objectives, this approach seeks to enhance regional partnerships, foster economic growth, and ensure a transformative impact on peace and trust in the Middle East, illustrating a forward-looking strategy for collective progress.

# INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES OF LEADERSHIP

**NELSON MANDELA:** *"It always seems impossible until it's done."*

- Reflects the power of determination and hope in overcoming obstacles to peace.

**WINSTON CHURCHILL:** *"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."*

- Highlights the necessity of adaptability and courage in the face of adversity.

**MAHATMA GANDHI:** *"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."*

- Encourages personal accountability and active participation in fostering peace.

**The Geneva Accord aims to inspire with the wisdom of historical figures, emphasizing the importance of visionary leadership, resilience, and the transformative impact of individual actions on achieving lasting peace, tolerance, and harmony to build a better future for youth.**