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Gaza take over (important points for D.H.)

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(HRL's memorandum of February 20 suggests form)
- In making his decision, Secretary-General should give particular thought to:
  - Duration
  - Financing
  - Need for Supply lines
  - Currency problems
  - Timing of take over (availability of staff, etc.)

II. AGREEMENT TO REACH IMMEDIATELY WITH ISRAEL ON:

- Form and date of withdrawal  
(UNEF to enter before Israeli forces withdraw)
- Fate of military and political prisoners, whether Egyptian or Palestinian
- What to do with Israeli currency in circulation in Gaza
- Assurances about preservation of existing buildings and stocks (as well as roads, bridges etc.)
- Reservation of claims against Israel for losses and damage arising from occupation  
(local, Egyptian and UNRWA)
- Future circulation of persons and goods across Israeli border.  
(specify circulation of UN and UNRWA personnel in Israel - in view of past difficulties concerning UNTSO, and UNRWA plane)
- Employment of Egyptians and other Arab nationals in the Gaza Strip

III. AGREEMENT TO REACH WITH EGYPT SPELLING OUT THAT:

- a) Egypt wishes UN to come in and take over temporary but full responsibility in the Gaza Strip, particularly for:
- Security
  - Police
  - Civil administration
    - (Municipal bodies
    - Justice
    - Education (Curriculum)
    - Health)
  - Currency (get agreement on what currency will be used)
  - General Development projects (what would be authority to appropriate land to projects)

Agreement should give temporarily to UN all rights

- b) Egypt will not seek to interfere in any way with UN temporary administration
- (neither by deeds nor by propaganda action such as government controlled radio stations)
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- e) Employment of Egyptian citizens in Strip

## IV. STATEMENT BY SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSEMBLY:

- Nature of Agreement with Egypt (spell out main clauses)
- Nature of troops to be used (nationalities)
  - " of civilian personnel
- Need for assurance of continued availability of troops and authority to hire personnel
- Status of borders (no blockade from either side)
- Trade - import export - customs
- FUNDS NECESSARY for
  - Military occupation
  - Civilian Administration
  - Civilian Relief
  - Schools
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