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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We conducted a survey on behalf of the International Crisis Group and the Baker Institute to gauge support among Israelis and Palestinians for a proposed peace accord.

The survey found a majority of both Israelis and Palestinians supported the peace plan that was presented to them:

<u>ICG/Baker Institute</u>	<u>Israelis</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>
<u>Proposal</u>		
support	53.3	55.6
oppose	43.9	38.5
don't know/refuse	2.8	5.9

Support wins out over opposition by a margin of 9.4% among Israelis and 17.1% among Palestinians.

As the following table shows, support is higher among Palestinians and is more strongly felt among Palestinians. Three percent more Palestinians than Israelis strongly support the initiative.

The majority of supporters of the initiative show moderate support for the initiative (see the “somewhat support” category) whereas a majority of those who oppose the initiative “strongly oppose” it.

<u>ICG/Baker Institute</u>	<u>Israelis</u>	<u>Palestinians</u>
<u>Proposal Initiative</u>		
strongly support	18.1	21.1
somewhat support	35.2	34.5
somewhat oppose	19.3	17.9
strongly oppose	24.6	20.6
don't know	2.6	3.8
refuse	0.2	2.1
(sample)	(610)	(631)

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The survey interviews were conducted by two partner survey research firms – one in Israel and the other in the Palestinian Authority. The Israeli survey firm is Teleseker/TNS. The Palestinian survey firm is PCPO.

In Israel, surveys were conducted by telephone using a random digit dial method. In the West Bank and Gaza, surveys were conducted in-person. Interviewers were assigned to specific regions of the West Bank and Gaza to ensure a representative sample by region and other demographics.

The surveys in Israel and the Palestinian Authority were conducted from November 6-12, 2003.

Among Israelis, 610 interviews were completed and the results are accurate at a 95 percent confidence level with a +/-4.0% margin of error. Among Palestinians, 631 interviews were completed, and the results are accurate at a 95 percent

confidence level with a +/-3.9% margin of error. The margins of error for subgroups indicated in the following section are higher.

RESULTS BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP

For the Israeli population, the strongest levels of support among Jews come from secular Jews with more than 6 in 10 secular Jews supporting the initiative. Arab Israelis show resounding support, with more than 9 in 10 saying they support it.

Israelis	Support	Oppose
All	53.3	43.9
Men (52% of sample)	52.9	44.6
Women (48% of sample)	53.6	42.7
Arab (13% of sample)	93.7	12.7
Jewish Secular (50% of sample)	61.6	36.8
Conservative Jewish (23% of sample)	45.3	52.5
Jewish Leumi (8% of sample)	12.0	84.0
Jewish Charedi (5% of sample)	6.7	90.0

Among Palestinians, support for the agreement is strongest among those who live in the cities. Village and particularly refugee camp dwellers show less support, but a majority of those Palestinians is still supportive of the initiative.

Palestinians	Support	Oppose
All	55.6	38.5
Men (55% of sample)	55.2	41.4
Women (45% of sample)	56.2	35.0
Muslims (89% of sample)	54.1	40.3
Christians (10% of sample)	71.4	22.2
City (53% of sample)	59.2	32.7
Village (29% of sample)	52.2	45.5
Refugee Camps (18% of sample)	50.4	44.4

VERBATIM QUESTION

The key question of this survey was asked as follows:

I'd like to ask your opinion of a peace proposal between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. I'm going to tell you about this proposal and then ask your opinion of it.

Suppose there was a peace proposal between Israel and Palestine that ends the conflict, recognizes two sovereign states – the State of Israel and the State of

Palestine – and provides for full, normal diplomatic and other relations between the two countries.

The state of Palestine would be based on the lines of 1967, encompassing Gaza and the West Bank, with mutually agreed minor border modifications. Israel would incorporate a small amount of the West Bank, including settlements such as Ma'alah Adumim that are located close to or on the Green Line in which a majority of its current settlers live. In exchange, the new state of Palestine would get an equivalent amount of land from Israel;

In addition, Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem would become the capital of Palestine. West Jerusalem and the Jewish neighborhoods of East Jerusalem would be the capital of Israel.

Each side would govern its holy sites and there would be internationally-backed guarantees for access by people of all religious faiths and against any excavation.

Also, Palestinian refugees will have the right to return to the state of Palestine and to areas of Israel that will become part of Palestine as a result of the territorial swap. They also may be resettled in third countries or in current host countries, subject to those countries' sovereign decision. Refugees will receive rehabilitation assistance, compensation for property lost and for harm incurred due to their refugee status.

Finally, A U.S. - led multinational force would help provide security and ensure implementation of the agreement.

Having heard about this peace proposal, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it?

- 1) strongly support
- 2) somewhat support
- 3) somewhat oppose
- 4) strongly oppose
- 5) don't know (volunteered)
- 6) refused (volunteered)