

**Israel's Guiding Principles in the Aftermath of the June 1967 War by Israeli Prime  
Minister Levi Eshkol, Excerpts  
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1. The Government of Israel will endeavor to achieve peace with the neighboring Arab countries. We shall never permit a return to a situation of constant threat to Israel's security, of blockade and of aggression.
2. The Government of Israel is prepared for direct negotiations with all the Arab States together, or with any Arab State separately.
3. The State of Israel strives for economic cooperation and regional planning with all States in the Middle East.
4. Israel will cooperate fully in the solution of the refugees problem... within the framework of an international and regional plan.
5. The Government endeavors to maintain fair and equitable relations with the population in the new areas, while maintaining order and security.
6. After our military victory, we confront a fateful dilemma; immigration or stagnation... By the end of the century, we must have five million Jews in Israel. We must work hard so that Israel may be able to maintain decent human, cultural, technical and economic standards. This is the test of Israel's existence as a Jewish State in the Middle East.