

TSONGAS MID-EAST PLAN

Two fundamental principles must guide U.S. policy in the Mid-East:

1. Israel's right to exist and survive must be unequivocally assured.
2. The Palestinians question must be resolved through direct and urgent action.

The Tsongas Plan, based on those two principles would encompass the following specific proposals:

1. Armed Palestinian groups, including the PLO, must be disarmed.
2. Safe passage out of Lebanon for the PLO and other Palestinian guerrillas to a country acceptable to them and their hosts must be granted.
3. The PLO must recognize Israel's right to exist, according to U.N. Resolution 242.
4. The resolution of the Palestinian issue must be resolved in part through a determined adherence to the Camp David accords and urgent autonomy discussions.
5. The Camp David Peace Process must be broadened to include directly the state of Jordan.
6. In Lebanon, Syrian and Israeli troops must be evacuated.
7. An international peace keeping force with sufficient strength and authority to be effective, must be deployed in Lebanon and specifically southern Lebanon.
8. American assistance and expertise should be directed in significant quantities to Lebanon for immediate disaster relief and long term economic reconstruction.

Discussion items:

1. PLO prisoners held by Israel and their disposition.
2. Camp David Process to move ahead expeditiously as long as the PLO and Palestinian guerrillas remain unarmed, and do not engage in terrorist acts against Israel or other targets.