

## **APPENDICES**

**with the advisory review  
of the environmental impact statement and  
supplements for the construction and operation  
of a seaport in the Gaza Strip by the  
Palestinian Authority**


**(appendices 1 to 2)**

## APPENDIX 1

### Letter from DGIS dated 7 March 1997, in which the Commission has been asked to submit an advisory review

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The Hague

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**Date:**  
7 March 1997

**Reference:**  
DML/MI-095/97

**Subject:**  
Review EIS Seaport Gaza Strip  
WW92850, jrc 381-93, MER/97/001

**Department:**  
DML/MI

Following my letter dated 1 April by which you were invited to review the Environmental Impact Statement for the Port of Gaza which was prepared by Witteveen & Bos, additional material was sent to you as your review advice on the EIS was to study some aspects in more detail.

In the meantime changes have been made in the design of the port, which may cause differences in environmental impacts. With reference to the EIA agreement between DGIS and the Commission, I would appreciate if your review approach in the changing circumstances could be one of 'planning through an incremental environmental evaluation'.

The above mentioned additional material that was sent to you is then to be regarded as part of a series of documents that will become available and together will form the Additional EIS.

Advisory reports can be produced at specific points in time, after consultation between the Commission, DEW/BL (Rutgers) and DML/MI (Wevers), as it cannot be foreseen at this point in time when documents will become available.

The Minister for Development Cooperation  
For the Minister,  
The Director Environment and Development Department



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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Project information**

**Proposed activity:** The Palestinian Authority (PA) proposes to build a port to support the economic development of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank and reduce dependence upon other transportation routes. The port will also contain a small fishing harbour and possibly a marina for pleasure craft.

**Categories:** harbours, docks DAC CRS code 71210

**Project numbers:** WW/92/850; Commission for EIA 015

#### **Procedural information:**

Letter requesting advice for Terms of Reference: 14 November 1994

Site visit by working group: 3 - 6 January 1995 and 10 - 21 February 1995

Advice for Terms of Reference submitted: 1 March 1995

Terms of Reference adopted: March 1995

Letter requesting an advisory review: 1 April 1996

Advisory review submitted: 29 April 1996

Letter requesting advisory review on additional information: 7 March 1997

Second advisory review submitted: 14 July 1997

**Significant details:** The Declaration of Principles (DOP), the agreement between Israel and the PA signed on 13 September 1994, provides for the establishment of a Gaza Port Authority (Article VII DOP). A decision had been taken on the site of the port before the EIA procedure was set in motion. The EIS will provide information about the environmental impacts associated with the choice of the exact location, the port's capacity and design, and the impacts of construction, maintenance, and activities generated by the port.

The Commission's advice for Terms of Reference included recommending that the design of the port and the EIS be drawn up in tandem, with adequate communication between the two. The Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation gave the green light for drawing up the design in June 1995. During the review it became clear that the fishing harbour and marina were no longer part of the proposal. The Commission also discovered that delays in the research and design process meant that essential information on the risk of salt intrusion caused by boring through impermeable sedimentary layers was not available in the EIS. Essential information on sites for the extraction of building materials was also lacking. The Commission advised that a supplement to the EIS be prepared containing this information to enable decisions to be made about the design of the port and the extraction of building materials. In his request to advice on review of the supplements the minister asked the Commission to review additional information on environmental impacts on a step by step basis, that is in a process of planning through incremental environmental evaluation. In its second advice on review of environmental information the Commission remarks that the information contained in the EIS and its supplements is sufficient for decision-making. The Commission formulates recommendations on registration of ship waste, on sand bypassing, on transport of building materials, on chemical analysis of dredged material, on resettlement and on monitoring and evaluation

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