The Arab Republic of Egypt

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Section 1

Israeli – Palestinian Issue

**Arab Republic of Egypt Policy Paper**

Although Egypt has had disagreements in the past with both Israel and Palestine, Egypt is a “people pleaser” and suggests a two state solution to the issue.

In the past Israelis and Palestinians have had issues with land and property claim. This statement is supported by “Palestinian Loss of Land, 1946 – 2007”, a series of maps depicting the change in land ownership over time. In the past Egypt has supported the Hamas in Gaza, but then changed their views on Gaza. “To shore up its power, Egypt’s new regime, headed by the former army chief Abdel Fatah al-Sisi, has since waged a brutal crackdown on the Brotherhood inside Egypt. The squeeze on Hamas is part of the attempt to starve the Brotherhood of any remaining support.” This shows how Egypt had disagreements with the Hamas’ views in the past. Egypt intentionally does not support, nor do they agree with the views of the Gazan Hamas group, described in an article on The Guardian, “Egypt’s decision to Side with Israel Has Cost

Gaza Dear” “Last week a convoy carrying medical supplies to Gaza from Egypt was turned back by Egyptian soldiers over 100km from the border.” Egypt later lessened tensions with Gaza, “In late January, 2015, Egypt's Emergency State Security Court overturned an earlier decision to list Hamas as a terrorist organization” With Egypt against a Palestinian group in Gaza, they partially side with Israel at this time, “During this latest Gazan war, the conflict has been predominantly portrayed as one between Israel and Hamas. But a third party has exacerbated the tensions in Israel’s favor: Egypt.” Egypt has been siding with both Israel and Palestine on this issue and fight for both to have a place to call home.

Egypt’s proposal to keep the two state solutions and allow enough time for the Israelis and Palestinians to settle and adjust to their neighbors and surroundings is very reasonable. Both religious groups deserve a place to live. Not to mention, both want the land for themselves; they both need to remember sometimes we have to compromise for the best outcome overall. The Egyptian ambassador told reporters, in an article “Israel's attack on Gaza follows talks in which no one was ready to back down “ on “The Gaurdian” “With all sides refusing to back down, Shobky said that the prospects of an immediate ceasefire – in a conflict that has already killed more than 200 Palestinians and one Israeli – seemed remote. ’I think we need more time, unfortunately.’” We just need to let the issue resolve itself, yet still prevent killings between the two.

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