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**Excerpts translated from State's response to restrictions on fuel supply, November 2, 2007**

- "19. The defining points of the restriction of fuel supply to the Gaza Strip are as follows:
- a. The restrictions will be implemented in a gradual manner.
  - b. At this stage, the restrictions will not include a reduction in the supply of cooking gas.
  - c. The restrictions on the supply of diesel, which is used, among other things, to run ambulances, public transportation, and power stations, will be implemented in a manner that limits the humanitarian impact as much as possible.
  - d. The implementation of the restrictions will be continuously monitored by the Respondents. It should be noted that the restrictions are not permanent and could be changed at any time.
20. Under the plan, the restriction on the supply of fuel to the Strip will be implemented in two stages. Progress from the first stage to the second is subject to approval from the government, and at this time only the first stage of the fuel restrictions has been approved. At this point, the amount of gasoline that will enter the Strip will be reduced from 350,000-400,000 liter per week over the past month to around 300,000 liter per week. The option of “progressing” to the next stage will be evaluated later, and thus the reduction in supply will be implemented gradually.
21. The reduction in the supply of diesel suitable for vehicles to the Strip will also be implemented in two stages, only the first of which has been approved to date. In the first stage, the amount of diesel that enters the Strip will be reduced from the some 1,400,000 liter weekly average over the past month to some 1,200,000 liters per week.

We note that according to the estimation of the Respondents, the amount of fuels required to meet humanitarian needs in the Strip is no more than 50% of the amount presently supplied. This is a conservative estimation that takes into account significant “room to move.”

22. The supply of diesel to the power station will decrease from an average of some 2,200,000 liters per week since the beginning of the year, to some 1,750,000 liters per week. We note on this point that since the start of September the Palestinians have operated an additional (third) turbine at the Strip’s power station, for 3-4 days a week. As a result over the past month there has been an increase in the amount of diesel supplied to the power station in order to increase electricity production: when two turbines are running, they produce some 55 megawatts, when three turbines are running they produce some 63 megawatts. Therefore the practical implication of the restricted supply of diesel to the power station will be a return, more or less, to the previous electricity production levels that prevailed in the Strip a month or two ago and no more than that."