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Plan "Seas Project" and the peace <sup>tendencies</sup> of Israel  
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The Seas Project is planned to carry mediterranean water to the Dead Sea for electricity production.

The project will supply a small part of Israel electricity consumption and will hinder the peace options between Israel and Jordan.

A better project will not be done unilaterally but in cooperation with Jordan.

a) The existing plan does not recognize the Kingdom of Jordan. The natural resources the project intends to exploit are the difference between the levels of the two seas and the evaporation intensity of the dead sea water.

The two states have equal rights on these resources and Israel plan to exploit all the electricity potential (1 billion kWh per year) by itself is illegal.

b, Is it worthwhile for Israel to have the project executed according to the existing plan?

Israel should have a new plan, more suitable to peaceful relations between the two states.

A "peaceful plan" will have not only political advantages but also economical: International financial institutions will tend to finance in much better terms a project that will be common to Israel and Jordan than the existing illegal Israeli plan. [that was denounced in the UN in December 1981].

If the existing plan will be carried out the project will be hard to finance and will cause problems in the relations between the two states.

If there will be a reconciliation between the two states in the future the existing plan will be considered wasteful and will not take advantage of the opportunities available in a peaceful time (financial, synergistic etc.)

The worst possible alternative is that Jordan will build its own project from the red sea to the dead sea in a unilateral way. Such a competition between the two states will not only involve a huge waste of resources but can also lead to a war between them.

### c) Possible shape of the 'Peace Project'

A common project to Jordan and Israel will enjoy not only political and financial but also engineering advantages:

- 1, A common project will be cheaper than two separate projects.
- 2, The optimal route for the project leads from the red to dead sea sometimes within the Israeli and sometimes within the Jordanian borders. A common project will enable the two states to exploit the optimal route where there will be no need for tunnels which are more expensive than canals. There will also be a smaller need for pumping waters.

In a common project the two states can still have separate power stations suitable to their needs.

Israel can use the canal for tourism, industry, solar pools and more in the Arava which are more suitable to the national interest than the alternative mediterranean option.



