

Multilateral Negotiation Invitations, November 2012

First Invitation, Washington

Given the recent escalation between Hamas and Israel and fragile ceasefire between them, President Barack Obama invites all parties to an urgent meeting of the Gaza working group, on November 28, at 11:00 PM, US EST.

The President requests that Jerusalem submit a six-point document to which Russia, the Arab countries, the Palestinians and the European Union will respond as the negotiations begin.

Second Invitation, New York

UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon invites all UN members to an emergency UN working group meeting in New York on November 28, at 11:00 PM, US EST.

The parties will discuss the Palestinian request for full UN membership and their quest for independence.

Secretary Ban asks the representative of Jordan to prepare a six clause draft that will guide the session.

Third Invitation, Cairo

In light of the deadly terror attacks in Lebanon, Arab League Secretary General Nabil Elaraby calls for an emergency meeting of the Lebanon and Syria working group in Cairo on November 28, at 11:00 PM, US EST.

In the two massive explosions in Beirut yesterday, ten American tourists, an unknown number of Russian citizens and a senior Syrian intelligence officer were killed. The Arab League sends condolences to the US, Russia and Syria. The secretary general rejects the Israeli and European allegations that Hezbollah and Iran were behind the attacks.

The meeting, to which the Quartet members are also invited, will deal with terror-driven escalations in Lebanon and Syria. Elaraby requests the Quartet and Lebanon, each separately, to submit six-point proposals on ways to stabilize the tense situation.

Fig. 6.3. Scenario format: Multilateral negotiation invitations