Proposals: The Gaza Strip

Conditions in the Hamas-controlled territory remain dire and unfavorable to political reunification with the Palestinian Authority. Substantial humanitarian and civil-economic relief for Gazans is necessary to foster hope for a better future, help push off or avert the next round of violence, and weaken Hamas. Israel can initiate the following steps to improve the current status quo:

- **Increase Work Permits**
  Issue more exit permits for Gazans to work in Israel, subject to General Security Service vetting and approval.

- **Improve Electrical Infrastructure**
  Improve the grid’s efficiency with new and upgraded transmission lines and increase the amount of power supplied by Israel by 30 megawatts immediately and 100 megawatts within one year.

- **Distinguish Between Hamas and Civilians**
  Distinguish between an uncompromising war against Hamas-sponsored terrorism and facilitating assistance to the Gazan populace.

- **Declare Single Political Entity**
  Declare that Israel considers Gaza and the West Bank a single political entity for the purposes of resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and a final status agreement.