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A New Middle East: Complex Challenges, Fragile Opportunities

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Terje Rød-Larsen became President of the IPA in January 2005. He began his career as an academic, studying history, philosophy, public administration and sociology. Terje Rød-Larsen taught Sociology, Political Science and Philosophy at the Universities of Bergen and Oslo, before establishing the Fafo Institute for Applied Sciences in Oslo in 1981.

As Director of Fafo, he initiated a research project into the living conditions of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The relationships with both Palestinians and Israelis that he established during the period of preparing and implementing this project led to a request by the PLO in 1992 that he help establish a secret channel for negotiations between the PLO and the Government of Israel. Those negotiations concluded with the Oslo Accords and the signing of the Declaration of Principles at the White House on 13 September 1993.

In 1993, Mr. Rød-Larsen was appointed Ambassador and Special Adviser for the Middle East Peace process to the Norwegian Foreign Minister. In mid-1994, he was appointed United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Special Co-ordinator for Gaza and the West Bank. In 1996, he was appointed Norwegian Cabinet Minister for Planning and Co-operation. In 1999, he moved back to the UN as Special Co-ordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority at the level of Under-Secretary General, a post he held until December 2004. On 14 December 2004, he was appointed by the Secretary-General as his Special Envoy for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559.

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