

G4S Statement on Israel Contract Exit

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Following recent criticism in the Danish press and NGO's we have been conducting a review of our operations in the West Bank.

The issue of providing services in the West Bank is a complex one. On the one hand measures are said to restrict the free movement of Palestinians and therefore are considered to be a breach of their human rights and on the other, lives have been saved as the trend of suicide bombings has been curtailed.

The services from which the company withdrew in 2002 cannot be compared to those provided today. In 2002 Group 4 Falck withdrew from several contracts providing armed security officers to residential settlements in the West Bank. Since then we have not performed such work, nor bid for any such contracts.

In order to help us understand all of the issues and to come to a satisfactory conclusion regarding today's operations in the area, we have taken a number of steps:

- G4S engaged Professor Hjalte Rasmussen, from the University of Copenhagen, who is a well known and leading authority in international law, to review our business on the West Bank and provide a legal opinion. After visiting the region, Professor Rasmussen concluded that G4S does not violate any national or international law.
- In addition to the legal opinion, we have been conducting a review of our business in the region against our own Business Ethics Policy and have sought input from a number of sources including customers and a number of socially responsible investment groups such as GES Investment Services.

After a thorough review, we have concluded that a number of our contracts with private enterprises in the area for traditional security and alarm monitoring services are not discriminatory or controversial and in fact help to provide safety and security for the general public no matter what their background.

However, we have also concluded that to ensure that our business practices remain in line with our own Business Ethics Policy, we will aim to exit a number of contracts which involve the servicing of security equipment at the barrier checkpoints, prisons and police stations in the West Bank.

We will aim to complete this exit as soon as possible, but also recognise that we have contractual obligations to our customers which we must take into consideration.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to engage with us on this issue and for their support in helping us to reach a satisfactory decision.