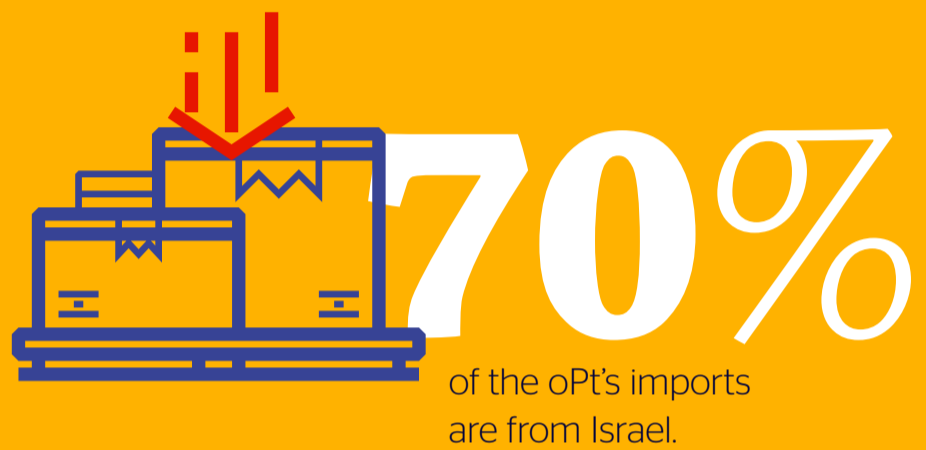


Codifying Occupation: The Paris Protocol

Signed in 1994 by Israel & the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Paris Protocol, which regulates the financial relations between Israel & the Palestinian Authority, de-facto **formalized the structural advantages** of the Israeli economy over the Palestinian one. The agreement resulted in the creation of a **Palestinian captive economy** that is exploited by both the Israeli state and private corporations.



Israel prevents the PA from setting an independent

Trade Policy

therefore, products imported to the oPt must receive Israeli approval.



Israel limits the import of

Special Goods

classified as dual use - civilian and military, which include arbitrary items- medical equipment, fuel etc.



Due to severe restrictions, Palestinian products that enter the Israeli market cannot successfully

Compete

with Israeli products.



Israel controls import

Taxes

on goods directed to the oPt, giving it the power to withhold funds as punitive measure.