Israel prevents the PA from setting an independent Trade Policy therefore, products imported to the oPt must receive Israeli approval.

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.

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.

85% of the oPt’s exports are absorbed by Israel

70% of the oPt’s imports are from Israel

Israel limits the import of Special Goods classified as dual use - civilian and military, which include arbitrary items - medical equipment, fuel etc.

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