

Overview of Middle East Water Resources

Water Resources of Palestinian, Jordanian, and Israeli Interest

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Palestinian Water Authority

Israeli Hydrological Service

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Multilateral working groups, to advance the Middle East Peace Process, were formed in January 1992. One of these groups, the Water Resources Working Group, endorsed the Water Data Banks Project in November 1994. The Water Data Banks Project consists of a series of specific actions to be taken by the Israelis, Jordanians, and Palestinians (Core Parties) that are designed to foster the adoption of common, standardized data collection and storage techniques among the Parties, improve the quality of the water-resources data collected in the region, and to improve communication among the scientific community in the region. The project is managed by an Executive Action Team (EXACT) comprised of water experts from Israeli, Jordanian, and Palestinian water-management agencies. Technical and financial support to EXACT is contributed by the United States, European Union, Canada, France, Norway, and Australia. The authors of this report are Hazim El-Naser of the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Mustafa F. Nuseibeh and Karen K. Assaf of the Palestinian Water Authority, and Shmuel Kessler and Meir Ben-Zvi of the Israeli Hydrological Service. Contributions from the Core Parties were submitted separately and then compiled into this report by Mark N. Landers and John S. Clarke, and designed by Caryl J. Wipperfurth, of the U.S. Geological Survey.