

times—you will excuse me for quoting the Pope, it's just like *Cartago delenda est*, I am going back if necessary or not—the Pope was saying that all the terrorism in the world will eventually come to a solution if and when the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be solved. I would sign this. I would be happy if this were true, but unfortunately, this is not true. And so, this is a view that should be revised.

Now, listening to Dr. Gomel, I had the impression that he is very deeply impressed by the European spirit of Mr. Chirac. He spoke of the persistence of the Jews in Europe, the conditions for the resumption of the peace process, and so on, and the two-state solution, which is considered to be the only one. Yes, there can be the two-state solution. It can be a federation between Arab Palestine and Jordan. There are many, many solutions possible. But, he immediately says, "but it is very difficult because of those settlers." So all of the other problems have been solved, we have no problem whatsoever with the Kassam missiles falling on the road. We have no problem whatsoever with explosives exploding every second day. So, the only problem is the settlers. So I didn't vote for them, and I have no great sympathy with the settlers, but it seems to me to exaggerate the situation to attribute all the blame for the stalling of the peace process to them. And insofar as you are wed to this point, you will be wrong. Sorry. In the last campaign for the Presidential elections in Palestine, Mr. Mustafa Barghouti – who got 20%, a respectable slice of the vote – spoke about a small detail of little importance, 6.5 billion dollars which are unaccounted for and which were received by the Palestinian Authority, and nobody knows exactly where they are. How did he calculate, how did he jump to the conclusion that there are \$6.5 billion? I don't know. We used to hear that Mr. Arafat had a small private account of \$2 billion, now we hear about 6.5 billion dollars missing, which means that there are other small accounts of this type around. I don't know, but one thing is for sure, there was no transparency in the Palestinian administration. And whatever Abu Mazen wanted, when he was Prime Minister after Aqaba, unfortunately he did not succeed because Arafat blocked him. Now that Arafat is not there to block, what happens now, where is transparency now? Naturally one cannot do in two days what was not done for twenty years, that's for sure. But anyway, this is problem number one. Where is the money going? Because whenever in the Italian "lacrimous" newspapers we hear about the desperate situation of the Palestinians under the occupation, the first desperate situation is that the Palestinians did not get what the international community meant to send to them. They did not receive a penny out of this. And naturally, when this is the situation, Europe is continuing to give money. Everybody is continuing to give money. And this money does not reach its final destination.

Now, about the relations between the Diaspora and Israel. I think again that this view of Mr. Gomel is a European view. If you had an American approach, then you would know that today the situation is the inverse. It is not so much that Israel is asking for the support of the Americans as the Americans are asking for the support of Israel. I give you an example. In the allocation of the funds of the United Jewish Appeal, an increasing majority is going out of the United Appeal back to American institutions, American Jewish schools, American Jewish institutions. This means that, in order to save the American Jewish institutions, you need the name of Israel. Otherwise, you are not able to raise enough money. This is the situation as of today. Not to mention – this is not my invention, the figures are there—the situation which is existing inside the American