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The purpose of this study is to examine Israel's foreign policy towards Palestinian problems. The study puts an emphasis on the Israel's foreign policy shift from 1948 to 1993 by employing system theory as a theoretical framework.

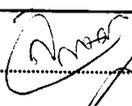
The finding shows that the shift of Israel's foreign policy results from the change of the structure of international system that made the United States become a leading actor who could act as the influential mediator to bring Israel and PLO to the table. The new structure of international system occurred after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The cold war which has gripped the world for nearly 50 years came to an end and the new world order emerged. The Persian gulf crisis provided the United States with an opportunity to have a leading role in the Middle East, while the Arab states and the PLO were weakened as the Soviet assistance terminated and the Arab world was divided. After the Gulf crisis, the Arab states and the PLO became more conciliatory towards the United States and they entered the peace process initiated by the United States. As for Israel, it couldn't reject joining the peace process anymore because there was no need for the United States to support Israel in deterring Soviet's influence in the Middle East, while Israel was still heavily dependent on the American assistance. Therefore, the United States could effectively put strong pressure on the Israeli government to negotiate with the Arab states and PLO.

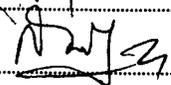
Consequently, Israel decided to change its policy towards Palestinian problems and started negotiating with the representatives from PLO. The negotiations led to the Declaration of Principles between PLO and the government of Israel in 1993.

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