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The Evacuation of Military Camps from Urban Areas- Implementation and Economic Efficiency

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This paper addresses the problem of managing the defense sector land holdings, emphasizing efficiency considerations and the ethical aspects of its involvement in the real estate market. The first part discusses the influence of the defense sector's control over civilian economic and other activities. An analysis of the plan for evacuating military camps from urban areas and the resulting incentives follows. The progress of the plan since 1993 and the large-scale competing-complementary plan for transferring military bases to the Negev are discussed. The conclusion compares the existing plan with two alternatives: granting quasi-ownership of lands to the defense sector and levying user fees on defense sector held lands.

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The Spatial Implications of the IDF Deployment in the Negev in Implementing the Peace Agreement with Egypt

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The IDF redeployment in the Negev was implemented in the early eighties on signing the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. The political atmosphere and strong social cohesion in Israel and the worldwide support backed by (mainly American) budgetary support raised high hopes. In reality, the IDF deployment in the Negev had little influence on the design and development of the area for civilian uses. The window of opportunity was not utilized, and the Negev did not gain the hoped-for development. The article asks: why was the potential for spatial change inherent in the change of military deployment not exploited? and: to what degree was the military deployment limited, directed or leveraged by civilian considerations? The conclusion offers an evaluation of the process of transferring IDF camps to the Beersheba metropolitan area that began in 1994.

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