The document discusses the restrictions imposed on the movement of people and goods into and out of Gaza, which has had a significant impact on the lives of two million Palestinians in the area. The document highlights that the limitations, originally imposed by Israel in the early 1990s, were intensified after a military operation in June. These restrictions continue to limit access to livelihoods, essential services and residence, disrupting family life and undermining the hopes of people for security and prosperity.

Since July 2018, the Rafah crossing has been operating in both directions for five days a week (Monday to Friday) with the exception of four Saturdays and one holiday in Israel. The crossing has been open for business during the day, primarily for medical cases, Israeli residents, traders, international civilians and workers of international aid organizations. In four days, only a limited number of medical cases were allowed to pass.

In October, the number of people crossing into Israel was relatively high, especially compared to the average of 5,373 crossings. The highest number of crossings for commercial and trading purposes, which was 3,386, was a 27% increase compared to the average number of such crossings since the beginning of the year.

Currently, the only active commercial route out of Gaza is the Kerem Shalom crossing.