Factors to Consider when Designing Partition Plans

1. **Population** 
   1. Numbers
   2. Locations of different groups
2. **Land Ownership**
   1. Amounts
   2. Locations of different groups
3. **Quality of land for agriculture**
4. **Location of natural resources including water**
5. **Location of cities**
6. **Shape of viable state:**
   1. Access to the sea
   2. Length of the borders (affects ability to control and protect them)
   3. Size of the state
7. **Historical claims and ties**
8. **Religious claims and ties, including to Jerusalem**
9. **Previous commitments made**
10. **The Holocaust**
11. **Fairness**
12. **International opinion** (i.e. will the plan be recognized and accepted by the world community?)
13. **Local opinion** (i.e. will the plan be recognized and accepted by those immediately affected?)
14. **Military strength of each** community (i.e. will one party be able to undermine a plan that it opposes?)