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ACHIEVE A TWO-STATE SOLUTION TO THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT

Israel Policy Forum, an American pro-Israel organization which supports sustained United States leadership to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is greatly encouraged by your determination to achieve progress toward a two-state solution during your first term in office.

There is no time to waste. As you meet leaders from the region this month, we urge you to insist on five steps forward:

- 1. RE-START NEGOTIATIONS.** US-mediated talks toward the establishment of a Palestinian state alongside Israel must be re-launched without delay.
- 2. STRENGTHEN SECURITY.** Weapons smuggling into Gaza and Palestinian terror attacks on Israelis must stop. The number of American-trained Palestinian security forces in the West Bank must be increased and their role in preventing violence strengthened.
- 3. IMPROVE THE FACTS ON THE GROUND.** West Bank settlement construction and the demolition of Palestinian houses in East Jerusalem must be stopped. Illegal outposts, superfluous checkpoints and unnecessary roadblocks in the West Bank must be removed.
- 4. FOCUS ON GAZA.** The Gaza Strip must be reconstructed with a focus on civilian needs and the local economy.
- 5. PROMOTE REGIONAL PEACE.** The Arab Peace Initiative must be embraced and used as a basis for negotiations for a comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors, including Syria.

These ideas are not new — most have been agreed to at one time or another — but they require implementation without delay.

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