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# ADVANCING TWO-STATE SECURITY

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PRAGMATIC PROPOSALS FOR:

- ▶ **SECURITY**
- ▶ **SEPARATION & CONTIGUITY**
- ▶ **REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

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### OUR PARTNERS

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# Message from IPF

**In support of enhancing Israel's security, preserving conditions for two states, and ensuring Israel's Jewish and democratic future.**

Dear Friends:

A negotiated two-state solution remains the only feasible way to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a manner that can provide Israel with a Jewish and democratic future within secure and defensible borders and the Palestinians with a viable, independent, demilitarized state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Today, that two-state goal is under assault by its left-wing and right-wing critics and detractors. Meanwhile, other pressing regional challenges, such as the threat posed by ISIS and the ongoing Syrian civil war, are overshadowing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

When the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is ignored by the United States, others – namely state actors, international bodies, terror organizations – fill the void in ways that undermine American and Israeli interests.

The United States has an essential role to play in encouraging Israelis and Palestinians to reach what President Trump has called the “ultimate deal.” But political realities today strongly indicate that neither side is either capable of or willing to negotiate an historic and lasting agreement. Therefore, a different, pragmatic approach is needed.

Israel Policy Forum (IPF) is proud to partner with Commanders for Israel's Security (CIS), an unprecedented alliance of over 260 former generals of the IDF and their equivalents from, the Mossad, the Shin Bet, and the Israeli police, to promote the ideas contained herein.

Together, we strongly support Israeli initiatives to create immediate advancements in three critical areas: security, separation and contiguity, and regional integration.

The American Jewish community and concerned U.S. policymakers from across the political spectrum have a crucial role to play in elevating awareness and galvanizing support for pragmatic ideas to enhance Israel's security and preserve the prospects for a future peace.

We hope that you will utilize this booklet as a resource for education, engagement, and advocacy, in order to promote key American interests: strengthening the U.S.-Israel relationship, enhancing Israel's security, and advancing a two-state solution.

Sincerely,

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# Security First

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"Security First" is a blueprint developed by Commanders for Israel's Security for independent Israeli initiatives to be taken in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. The proposals integrate security, civil-economic, and political measures in order to:

- Enhance personal and national security.
- Preserve conditions for a future permanent status agreement (PSA) with the Palestinians.
- Increase prospects for Israel's integration into regional security-political arrangements with pragmatic Arab states.
- Improve Israel's international standing and provide effective counter arguments to BDS efforts.

## SECURITY MEASURES

- Complete construction of the security barrier on the West Bank.
- Implement a strict border control regime along the entire length of the security barrier.
- Continue IDF military control over the West Bank until a permanent status agreement is reached.
- Advance measures to reduce friction between Israelis and Palestinians on the West Bank.
- Bolster measures to end the illegal infiltration into Israel.
- Restore law and order in the Palestinian neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, confiscating illegal weapons and eradicating nests of terror.





## CIVIL/ECONOMIC MEASURES

### The West Bank:

Advance measures designed to improve the welfare of the Palestinians, remove impediments for growth, and strengthen the Palestinian Authority (PA).

### Jerusalem:

Establish an umbrella municipal authority funded by a dedicated budget and an international fund for the Palestinian villages and neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, charged with rehabilitation and development. Strict maintenance of the status quo on the Temple Mount.

**Gaza:** Take measures to prevent the collapse of the ceasefire, stave off a humanitarian crisis, and promote reconstruction and economic development. Early steps for development of a seaport, subject to PA control and Israel's security needs.

**Israeli settlers:** Pass an 'Absorption, Compensation and Voluntary Evacuation Law' for West Bank settlers east of the security barrier who seek to relocate west of the barrier or within the Green Line (the 1967 line).



**250 former senior security officials call upon the government to take the initiative and part from the Palestinians. Now!**

## POLITICAL MEASURES

A comprehensive Israeli policy declaration to :

Accept, in principle, the Arab Peace Initiative (API), with requisite adjustments to accommodate Israel's security and demographic needs, as a basis for negotiation.

Reiterate its commitment to resolving the conflict through negotiations towards a permanent status agreement based on the principle of two states for two peoples.

Forego claims to sovereignty over West Bank territories east of the security barrier, but continue to exercise control over them in a custodial capacity until alternative security arrangement are put into place within the framework of a permanent status agreement with the Palestinians.

Acknowledge that the Palestinian neighborhoods and villages of East Jerusalem will be part of a Palestinian state, when established as part of a future agreement.

Freeze the construction of new settlements, the expansion of existing ones, or the development of civilian infrastructures east of the security barrier.

Reiterate its commitment to the strict maintenance of the status quo on the Temple Mount and other holy sites.

Clarify that it considers Gaza and the West Bank as a single polity for the purposes of permanent status agreement.