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The Honorable Donald J. Trump 45th and 47th President of the United States

Subject: A Transformative Opportunity for Middle East Security and Prosperity

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the <u>Coalition for Regional Security</u>, we extend our congratulations on your return to the White House as the 47th President of the United States. The second term of your presidency represents a unique opportunity for the people of Israel and the Middle East, and we are eager to join forces to capture this moment.

The Coalition for Regional Security is a new Israeli initiative formed in the wake of the October 7 atrocities. Uniting over 100 top leaders from business, security, diplomacy, technology, and research, our mission is to mobilize the Israeli public, still traumatized from Hamas' attack, to seize the opportunity this crisis brought to our door. We could not have asked for a better partner than you, who brought us the Abraham Accords, and deeply understands the value of security and stability as a pre-requisite for economic prosperity.

We wish to commend you for recognizing the importance of addressing the regional challenges and opportunities in the Middle East, even before your return to office. The hostage and ceasefire deal is a testament to your forward-thinking approach. This deal not only secures the long-awaited return of hostages held in Gaza for close to 500 days, but also unlocks the potential for a broader regional opportunity. It lays the groundwork for stabilizing Gaza, but could extend far beyond, paving the way for a strategic reshaping of a new Middle East.

As a preliminary step towards a much-anticipated meeting with you and your senior policy people, enclosed is our 'Abraham Shield Plan', a comprehensive strategy based on the regional opportunity Israel and the region face today. This plan includes actionable recommendations for stabilizing Gaza, including its de-Hamasification; neutralizing Hezbollah; establishing a strategic buffer in Syria; accelerating normalization with Saudi Arabia; and halting Iran's nuclear ambitions. It also outlines a clear path and concrete terms for Israeli separation from the Palestinians under a gradual, safe and sustainable framework, ensuring that Israel's Jewish and democratic character is preserved.

There is broad Israeli consensus for such a plan: our new polling (carried out on 3–6 January 2025) shows that 72.5% of Israelis support a U.S.-led plan under your leadership for lasting security, including hostage returns, ending the war, Saudi normalization, Palestinian separation, and a regional security coalition against Iran.

We trust that under your leadership, the U.S. can harness this moment, building on Israel's unprecedented military achievements, to unite moderate Arab states and Israel into a powerful alliance. This 'Abraham Alliance' would counter Iranian aggression, foster regional economic integration, and create a vision for the Middle East that unlocks new opportunities to and solutions for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Coalition for Regional Security stands ready to support your administration in implementing this vision, offering our expertise and resources to help realize a safer, more stable, and more prosperous Middle East.

Mr. President, we support you to see the full hostage agreement through and to pave the way for a new Middle East. WE ARE READY. "The Day After" is now.

Respectfully,

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Appendix: Abraham Shield Plan

01

Closing the front in Gaza, returning all hostages, establishing a technocratic transitional government in Gaza, and a regionally led de-Hamasification.

- The State of Israel will declare victory in Gaza and the defeat of Hamas' military force.
- Israel will promote a comprehensive ceasefire and commit to the withdrawal of IDF forces from Gaza in exchange for the return of all hostages, living and dead.
- Israel will reach a bilateral understanding with the U.S. on freedom of action for security operations and targeted raids in the future to prevent Hamas' resurgence and to dismantle terrorist infrastructures.
- Israel will work with its regional and international partners to establish a technocratic transitional government in Gaza, with regional backing that will provide all civilian services to the Palestinians during the transition period.
- Arab police forces will operate in Gaza to establish law and order during the transition period.
- The reconstruction package for Gaza will be led and financed by the West and the moderate Arab states, led by the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.
- The moderate Arab states will lead a process of 'de-Hamasification' in Gaza a deep de-radicalization of society and education (as they successfully implemented in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia).
- Cash in the Gaza Strip will be abolished ("ZeroCash") and an advanced mechanism of monetary supervision will be implemented.

02

Implementing and enforcing the agreement in southern Lebanon through a 'zero violations' policy and strengthening the Lebanese Army.

- Israel will leverage its military achievements in the war in southern Lebanon to implement the arrangement in northern Israel based on resolution 1701 with improvements. Within this framework, Israel will gradually withdraw from southern Lebanon and declare the end of Operation "Northern Arrows".
- Israel will firmly and consistently adhere to a 'zero violations' policy within the framework of which Israel will not tolerate or allow violations or provocations. Any violation of the agreement will receive a strong and immediate response.
- Israel will assist the international and regional effort led by the United States to strengthen the Lebanese
 army, stabilize the Lebanese government, and deepen the separation of the State of Lebanon from the
 Iranian axis.

03

Following the fall of the Assad regime: Harnessing regional forces to stabilize Syria and turn it into a 'buffer' against the Iranian axis

- Israel will declare that in the immediate term it will continue to enforce the demilitarization of the Syrian Golan Heights and temporarily hold the buffer zone until a new, responsible, and stable government is established that will respect the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement, or until significant international forces are deployed to the area.
- Israel will continue operational activity to prevent strategic armament in Syria and to curb arms smuggling to Lebanon, Jordan, and the West Bank, while maintaining full readiness to respond to any development and strengthening the deployment of defense forces along the border.



- Israel will enlist the U.S. administration and its regional partners to prevent Iran from re-establishing itself in Syria, to deepen the 'buffer' between Syria and the Iranian axis, and to support a new, responsible, and stable Syrian government that may lead to a new era in relations between the countries in the future.
- In light of Turkey's centrality in shaping the future order in Syria, the State of Israel will establish a communication channel with Turkey to promote shared interests in regional stability.

04

Deepening the 'Moderate Regional Coalition': Returning to a fast-track normalization with Saudi Arabia and expanding the 'Abraham Accords'

- Israel will first establish a normalization arrangement with Saudi Arabia. The arrangement will promote
 Israel's continued integration throughout the moderate Arab world.
- Israel will initiate the establishment of the 'Abraham Alliance' a moderate regional coalition that will regulate security, intelligence, and political cooperation in the Middle East between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Sudan, and other moderate countries, with the backing of the U.S. and the West.
- Israel will work within the framework of the 'Abraham Alliance' to strengthen the stability of Egypt and Jordan and to weaken regional terrorist organizations, their financing, and armament methods.
- Israel will work to define the 'Abraham Alliance' region as a special trade zone in the Middle East and as a global economic hub. Agreements will be signed for regional economic cooperation in the fields of research, technology, science, environment, tourism, trade, agriculture, and water while building megaprojects of infrastructure, railways, and cross-border roads between the Gulf and the Mediterranean Sea that will open up major new markets to the State of Israel.

05

Implementing a 'Blockade Plan' against Iran and preventing its nuclearization

- Israel will focus most of its resources on the "head of the octopus," with the understanding that Iran is the leader of the regional chaos and that its interest is to rehabilitate its proxies and stranglehold Israel in wars of attrition while it goes nuclear.
- Israel will announce the 'Blockade Plan' against Iran. It will advance military, political, economic, regional, and international actions to isolate Iran from the region and accelerate cutting off the "tentacles of the octopus."
- Israel will use all the assets and possibilities at its disposal, utilizing allies in the region and the West, to
 prevent Iran's nuclearization, which constitutes an existential threat to its security and the interests of
 the 'Abraham Alliance' countries.

06

An Israeli declaration of a gradual, responsible, secure path of separation from the Palestinians within a decade, as part of a comprehensive regional agreement

• The State of Israel will declare that although there is currently no possibility of establishing a Palestinian state, it will commit to working with regional partners and the U.S. administration to create the conditions for a path of gradual separation from the Palestinians, under conditions, within a decade, as part of a comprehensive regional arrangement.

Conditions for separation:

The process will be managed as part of a comprehensive regional arrangement and with the deep involvement of moderate Arab states.



- The West Bank and Gaza Strip will be fully demilitarized, including the sealing off of smuggling routes.
- Freedom of action for Israel to carry out targeted security raids to enforce demilitarization, prevent threats, and deal with terrorist infrastructure. At the same time, Israel will not unilaterally annex territories in the Gaza Strip or the West Bank.
- The Palestinian Authority will undergo comprehensive governmental reform to eradicate corruption and promote good governance.
- A new Palestinian leadership will be established one committed to moderation, recognizing
 the State of Israel as the national home of the Jewish people and supportive of the process of
 separation.
- A moderate, stable, and functioning Palestinian government system will be established in the West Bank and Gaza, with no representation of Hamas as a political party.
- The Palestinian Authority will stop paying salaries to terrorists, prisoners, and their families and will fulfill its full commitment to work to prevent terrorism and dismantle terrorist infrastructures.
- The education of hatred of Israel in schools and incitement against Israel in government institutions and mosques will be stopped, and replaced with educational programs for tolerance and coexistence.
- With the implementation of reforms and the fulfillment of the conditions of separation, the Palestinians will join the 'Abraham Alliance', which will prevent the infiltration of Iranian influence on Israel's borders. Not "Hamastan," rather "Abrahamstan".

This is due to:

- Political, geographical, and demographic separation from the Palestinians is in any case a clear Israeli interest, in contrast to the alternative of a "bi-national state" that threatens the continued existence of the State of Israel as a democratic state with a solid Jewish majority.
- A declaration on a path of separation from the Palestinians is the key to advancing a 'regional package deal,' including the normalization agreement with Saudi Arabia and the 'Abraham Alliance' assets that are more essential to the national security of the State of Israel than ever before, in its confrontation with the Iranian threat.
- The paradigm of 'managing the conflict' has collapsed. We must separate from the Palestinians once and for all and define the permanent borders of the State of Israel in order to preserve its security and character.
- Previous negotiations with the Palestinians may have failed, but they were not part of a comprehensive regional settlement. Israel has never given a leading role to the moderate Arab states and has never given a chance to a path for a comprehensive regional settlement, in which resolving the conflict with the Palestinians is only one component within a regional package deal.