



# CHALLENGES TO AMERICA AND ISRAEL: **ALLIES MUST STAND TOGETHER**

As violence and instability mount across the Middle East, challenges to Israel's and America's security are growing more severe. Iran is racing towards a nuclear weapons capability, Egypt is sliding into chaos, the Syrian civil war is deepening and Jordan faces mounting unrest. Amid these troubling developments, the United States and Israel must stand together and find ways to broaden their already extensive cooperation.

# NEW AND GROWING THREATS TO ISRAEL

## LEBANON

Dominated by Iranian-backed terrorist group Hizballah

Hizballah possesses 60,000 rockets and missiles aimed at Israel

Violence and refugees spilling over from the Syria crisis



## TURKEY

NATO member with a strained relationship with Israel

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## PALESTINIANS

Power struggle between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas

Unrest increasing in West Bank

Weapons smuggling into Gaza

Hamas rockets threaten 5 million Israelis



## EGYPT

On verge of economic collapse

Islamist radicals gaining in power

Sinai remains lawless



This map is for illustrative purposes of current and potential threats. It does not imply any view regarding the durability of agreements between Israel and its neighbors.

## SYRIA

Ongoing civil war has killed 70,000

Control of chemical weapons and strategic systems uncertain

Instability spilling over to Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey



## JORDAN

Economy strained

Syrian refugees flooding country

Traditional pro-Western rule under challenge



## IRAQ

Future orientation in doubt

Conduit for Iranian arms to Syria

Helping Iran evade sanctions



## IRAN

Nearing a nuclear weapons capability

Engaging in cyber-warfare against U.S. and Gulf states

Possesses advanced missiles that can hit Israel, American forces, and other American allies

Supporting Assad's rule in Syria with weapons, soldiers, and aid



## SAUDI ARABIA

Aging leadership facing domestic challenges

Uncertain succession and future orientation

Iraq

Iran

Saudi Arabia

# WHAT THE UNITED STATES CAN DO:

**The United States and Israel have long cooperated strategically, economically and politically to the benefit of both countries. The allies can further build upon this relationship in a wide variety of spheres: defense, intelligence, homeland security, energy, science and trade. With the Middle East in turmoil, the two nations should dramatically strengthen their relationship to deter potential foes and confront the new challenges both nations face.**

In addition, American assistance to Israel has helped our ally to confront the threats it faces and enable Israel to work closely with the United States. America should:

- › Continue to provide security assistance to Israel—\$3.1 billion each in fiscal years 2013 and 2014
- › Support the Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow-3 missile defense systems
- › Make available to Israel the advanced weaponry it needs to address new threats
- › Pre-position additional vital military equipment in Israel that both allies can use in times of crisis
- › Expand cooperation in cyber security, homeland security, intelligence and energy
- › Include Israel in the Visa Waiver Program



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