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Greenblatt, Netanyahu Meet to Discuss Peace Process

On March 14, U.S. Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt met in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. After the meeting, the two officials issued a joint statement in which they “reaffirmed the joint commitment of both Israel and the United States to advance a genuine and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians that strengthens the security of Israel and enhances stability in the region.” Greenblatt also reiterated President Donald Trump’s “commitment to Israel’s security and to the effort to help Israelis and Palestinians achieve a lasting peace through direct negotiations,” and stressed “how important enabling the growth of the Palestinian economy and improving the quality of life for Palestinians are to President Trump.” Later in the day, Greenblatt traveled to Ramallah to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. The American envoy stated that he and Abbas “had a positive, far-ranging exchange about the current situation” and discussed “how to make progress toward peace, building capacity of Palestinian security forces & stopping incitement.”