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U.S. Officials Welcome New Embassy in Jerusalem

On May 14, the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence, U.S. officials from across the political spectrum lauded the relocation of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. "The U.S. officially opened its embassy in Jerusalem, Israel—a move that fulfills one of President Trump's signature campaign promises. The Administration has also formally recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital," the White House announced on social media. Led by Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, the American delegation to the embassy opening in Jerusalem included U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner, Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump and Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt. During the ceremony, the administration officials praised the historic nature of the move. Congress has long supported U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and the relocation of the U.S. embassy there. In 1995, Congress overwhelmingly passed the bipartisan Jerusalem Embassy Act, which called for moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. Members of Congress from both parties praised the May 14 relocation.

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