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## AIPAC Applauds Passage of Senate Resolution Reaffirming Support for Israel

AIPAC applauds the United States Senate for backing Israel's quest for peace and right to self-defense and its overwhelming expression of solidarity and support for the State of Israel with the passage of S.Res 10. The resolution supports a durable and sustainable diplomatic outcome to the current crisis that will ensure an end to the smuggling of arms into Gaza and an end to Hamas terror attacks on Israel, in an effort to create an environment conducive to a sustainable and lasting peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people.

The bipartisan resolution cosponsored by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), conveys America's unequivocal and steadfast support for Israel's right to self-defense against relentless assaults by the Iranian-backed terrorist group Hamas, who along with Iran's other terrorist proxy Hizballah, have killed more Americans than any other terrorist group except Al Qaeda. A similar Resolution is expected to be passed by the House shortly.

"The United States Senate will strengthen our historic bond with the State of Israel by reaffirming Israel's inalienable right to defend against attacks from Gaza, as well as our support for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stated from the floor of the Senate.

"The Israelis, as the Majority Leader has indicated, are responding exactly the same way we would if rockets were being launched into the United States from Canada or Mexico, or some situation like that. The Israelis have every right to defend themselves against these acts of terrorism, so I enthusiastically support this," Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell added.

The United States Congress has once again demonstrated its unwavering support to Israel and her right to self-defense. While Israel is forced to defend its citizens from those who aim to destroy her, America has, as always, remained a voice of strength and reason.

AIPAC also applauds President Bush and the administration as well as the continued bipartisan support of the leadership of the House and Senate, President-elect Obama, and the numerous other American leaders who have defended Israel's right to a terror-free existence.

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