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AIPAC Commends Israel's Decision, U.S. Support for Israeli Commission

AIPAC commends Israel's decision to undertake a thorough, introspective look at all aspects of the flotilla incident. The Jewish state's long tradition of transparent self-examination is dramatic and courageous, and it highlights what distinguishes Israel from its neighbors and many of its harshest – and most hypocritical – critics.

Unlike any other country in the Middle East, and many throughout the world, Israel is a fellow democracy with a celebrated legal tradition and judiciary, and a Supreme Court with a history of independence and credibility.

We welcome the Obama administration's support for the Israeli commission investigating the flotilla incident, which clearly meets the call of the Security Council for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation.

The White House recognized Israel's decision to investigate itself as an "important step forward" and expressed its respect for the Israeli judicial system.

AIPAC calls on the Obama administration to act decisively at the United Nations and other international forums to block any action – including alternative investigations supported by the Secretary General – which would isolate Israel.

At a time when the so many countries are seeking to unfairly stigmatize and isolate Israel, challenge its right to self-defense and judge it by a double standard, once again we expect the United States to stand with our ally Israel.

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