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AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2003 ACTION AGENDA

The past year has seen dramatic developments in the Middle East; the war on terror, the President's June speech and the pending American military action against Iraq have transformed American policy towards the region. They have also transformed AIPAC's agenda. The events of September 11, 2001 and the ensuing war on terror strengthened the already strong bonds, based upon shared moral and democratic values, between the United States and Israel. In the coming year AIPAC seeks to further enhance the strength and depth of the bonds between the two nations by building on the commitment of the Administration and the Congress to the security of Israel, to a peace process predicated on direct negotiations between Israel and her neighbors, to **the United State's and Israel's** war on terror, to the fight against the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and to the democratic transformation of the Middle East.

47 AIPAC's priorities in the coming year:

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49 A Strong America and A Strong Israel

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Working to secure annual U.S. economic and military assistance to Israel within a foreign aid budget with sufficient resources to accomplish that and to provide a special supplemental aid package of loan guarantees and additional military assistance necessitated by the crisis in the Middle East;

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Supporting measures to guarantee Israel's **decisive** qualitative military edge and to enhance U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation, including development of effective U.S. and Israel defensive measures against ballistic missiles and the threats posed by terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons;

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Supporting a strong defense posture that will enable the United States to maintain its world leadership and meet its global responsibilities;

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Supporting enactment of a national comprehensive energy plan that will reduce reliance by the United States on unstable Middle East sources of oil and gas. Such legislation should include measures to improve energy efficiency, **develop alternative renewable sources** and, where supported by local Congressional delegations, increase domestic oil and gas production;

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A Secure Peace

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Urging Congress to codify the criteria laid out by President Bush's June 24, 2002 speech that the establishment of any interim Palestinian state be contingent first and foremost upon the total cessation of violence and incitement, and the change to a democratically elected Palestinian leadership untainted by terror. Such legislation should also include the principles that any solution be the result of direct negotiations between the Government of Israel and a reformed Palestinian Authority and that the U.S. continue to oppose any Palestinian assertions or implementation of powers that would jeopardize Israeli security;

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Ensuring that Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount, remains united as the capital only of Israel, and securing the move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem without delay;

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Urging the U.S. to **continue** to oppose anti-Israel discriminatory acts in the U.N., including vetoing any anti-Israel resolutions in the Security Council;

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The War on Terror

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Supporting America's and Israel's right to defend their citizens from terrorism. Furthermore encouraging U.S. efforts to combat international terrorism by pre-

92 emptying terrorist acts and by holding state sponsors and international terrorist
93 groups accountable for their actions;
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95 Supporting Congressional efforts to apprehend Palestinian Arab terrorists
96 suspected of harming American citizens and to transfer them to the U.S. for
97 prosecution;
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99 Conditioning relations with Syria and Iran on their ending support for terrorist
100 groups, especially Hezbollah, which has expanded its destabilizing military
101 presence in southern Lebanon, and Palestinian terror organizations in the West
102 Bank and Gaza;
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104 Supporting efforts to end the funding **for terrorist organizations originating**
105 **from within the U.S. and internationally;**
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107 Backing measures to halt the spread of weapons, expertise, technology, and
108 materials to terrorist organizations;
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110 Proliferation
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112 Supporting American efforts to disarm Iraq, including regime change;
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114 Supporting efforts to prevent other nations, including Russia, China, Pakistan,
115 **Iran**, and North Korea, as well as organizations and individuals, from
116 proliferating weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems weapons,
117 expertise, technology, and materials to Middle Eastern states **and organizations;**
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119 Supporting the President's inclusion of **Iran and North Korea** as a major national
120 security threat to the U.S. and urging further steps to end Iran's **and North**
121 **Korea's** development of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver
122 them.