



## **AMERICAN ISRAELIS CALL FOR “TIME OUT” IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS**

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The American Israeli Action Coalition (“AIAC”), on behalf of American citizens living in Israel, called today for a “time out” in any further peace negotiations with the Palestinian Authority and Syria.

Harvey Schwartz, Chairman of the Israel-based AIAC, stated that “in view of the ‘lame duck’ status of Prime Minister Olmert, reports of his continued peace negotiations with the PA and Syrian government are highly disturbing and grossly inappropriate. Israel will, in the very near future, have a new Prime Minister and very possibly an entirely new government. It is inconceivable for the Israeli population to have its future determined by the current government, and Mr. Olmert, whose mind is no doubt fully occupied with defending himself against the numerous investigations of his alleged criminal activities, and who may very well agree to wide-ranging and dangerous concessions to the PA and Syria which are not in Israel’s best interests simply as a parting political ploy to ensure a living legacy.”

“Peace is critically important” continued Mr. Schwartz, “but getting it right is even more important. Mr. Olmert has already announced that he will be resigning as Prime Minister in the near future. Neither the PA nor Syria wants to reach a deal with Mr. Olmert which would only be countermanded by his successor. That would be a disaster for the peace process and for the region as a whole. It would be far better—and certainly acceptable by the PA and Syria—to suspend any further peace negotiations at the present time so that they can be continued with appropriate seriousness by Mr. Olmert’s successor.”

Aaron S. Tirschwell, AIAC’s Director, stated that “the ever growing number of American citizens who have chosen to move to Israel have done so with the reasonable expectation that their future would be determined by a government which has the broad support of the Israeli population including holding a public referendum, not one headed by a discredited Prime Minister and other members of his cabinet. We urge that all appropriate steps be taken to temporarily suspend the entire negotiation process with the PA and Syria until a new Israeli government is in place.”

*AIAC is devoted to effectively recruiting and activating the more than 250,000 expatriate American citizens in Israel in order to create a united voice that will be heard by the governments and people of the United States and Israel on issues that pertain to the continued safety and security of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide.*

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