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JCRC-NY Celebrates the Relocation of the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem

JCRC-NY celebrates the relocation of the American Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem – the capital city of Israel and the historical and spiritual center of the Jewish people. Like every sovereign nation, Israel has the right to designate its capital. This decision by President Trump and the U.S. Administration is recognition of that right, and other countries are preparing to follow suit. As international diplomatic efforts repeatedly aim to erase the 3,000 year unbreakable bond between the Jewish people and Jerusalem, this historical milestone negates this delusion.

Every sovereign nation also has the right and the responsibility to protect its civilians and its borders. We strongly condemn Hamas for sending thousands of Gazan rioters to the internationally recognized border with Israel in an attempt to breach the border fence. Hamas operatives have been instructed to enter Israel with weapons and inflict violence and terrorism upon Israeli civilians. Rioters launched burning tires at Israeli soldiers, planted IEDs along the fence, flown kites with explosives attached to them into Israeli territory, and attempted to steal Israeli security cameras documenting their actions.

We regret the loss of life and the mass injuries to the rioters, yet Hamas is clearly and cynically trying to incite its population in order to market these events as a popular uprising, rather than a large scale terrorist plot. Responsible governments do not behave this way. Such incitement leads to deadly violence and has already cost thousands of Palestinian and Israeli lives. We call upon Palestinian, Israeli, American, and international leadership to work diligently to maintain calm and foster peace in Jerusalem and the region.

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