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Warmest greetings to everyone attending the 1987 Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The still-young State of Israel means much to the United States. Our commitment to Israel's security derives from memory of the Holocaust and the oft-repeated pledge, "Never Again." Our support for Israel demonstrates our determination to defend and extend the bounds of political freedom. Our strategic cooperation with Israel responds to our mutual need and serves our mutual interests.

During my Presidency, links between the United States and Israel have become stronger and more numerous. That bodes well for democracy in the Middle East and here at home.

You have my best wishes for a most successful convention and for the future. Shalom, and God bless you.

Ronald Reagan