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ACT NOW

TO ACHIEVE A TWO-STATE SOLUTION

PROMINENT ISRAELIS SAY THAT RECOGNIZING A PALESTINIAN STATE AND NEGOTIATING NOW ARE IN ISRAEL'S INTERESTS. WE THINK LEAVING IT TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN SEPTEMBER IS NOT. THE FOLLOWING AD RAN THIS WEEK IN ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS:

RECOGNIZING A PALESTINIAN STATE BASED ON THE 1967 BORDERS IS VITAL FOR ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE

We, the citizens of Israel, call on the public to support the recognition of a democratic Palestinian state as a condition for ending the conflict, and reaching agreed borders on the basis of the 1967 borders. Recognition of such a Palestinian state is vital for Israel's existence. It is the only way to guarantee the resolution of the conflict by negotiations, to prevent the eruption of another round of massive violence and end the risky

isolation of Israel in the world.

The successful implementation of the agreements requires two leaderships, Israeli and Palestinian, which recognize each other, choose peace and are fully committed to it. This is the only policy that leaves Israel's fate and security in its own hands. Any other policy contradicts the promise of Zionism and the welfare of the Jewish people.

We, the undersigned, therefore call upon any person seeking peace and liberty and upon all nations to join us in welcoming the Palestinian Declaration of Independence, and to support the efforts of the citizens of the two states to maintain peaceful relations on the basis of secure borders and good neighborliness. The end of the occupation is a fundamental condition for the liberation of the two peoples, the realization of the Israeli Declaration of Independence and a future of peaceful coexistence.

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