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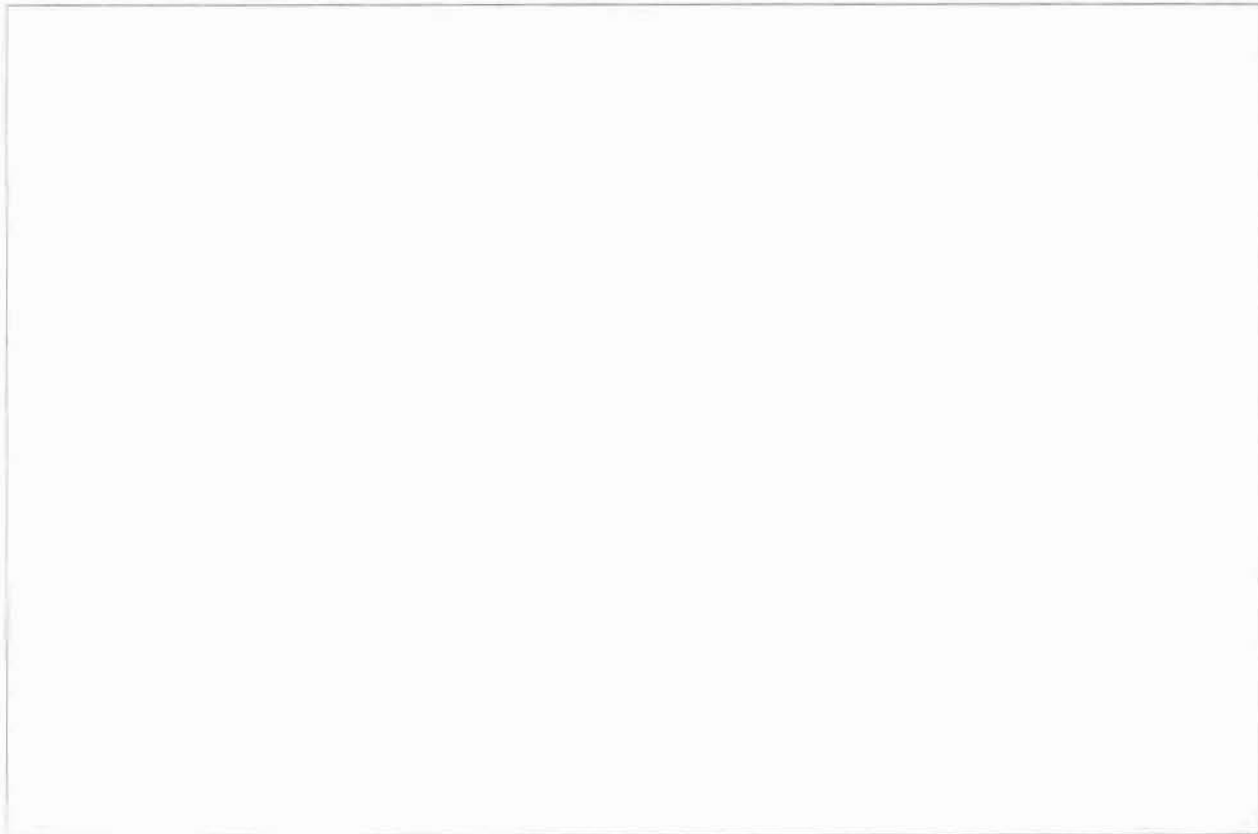
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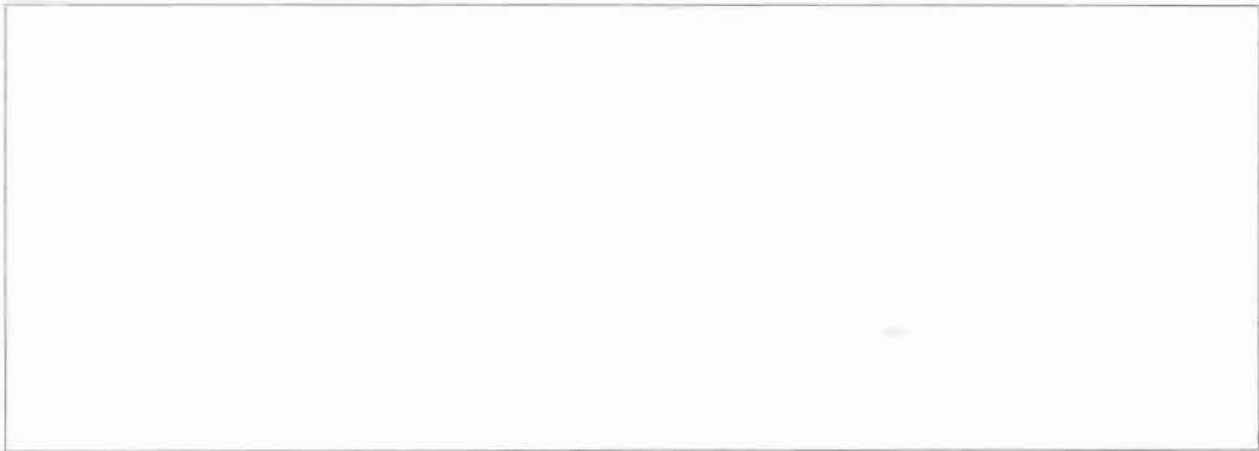
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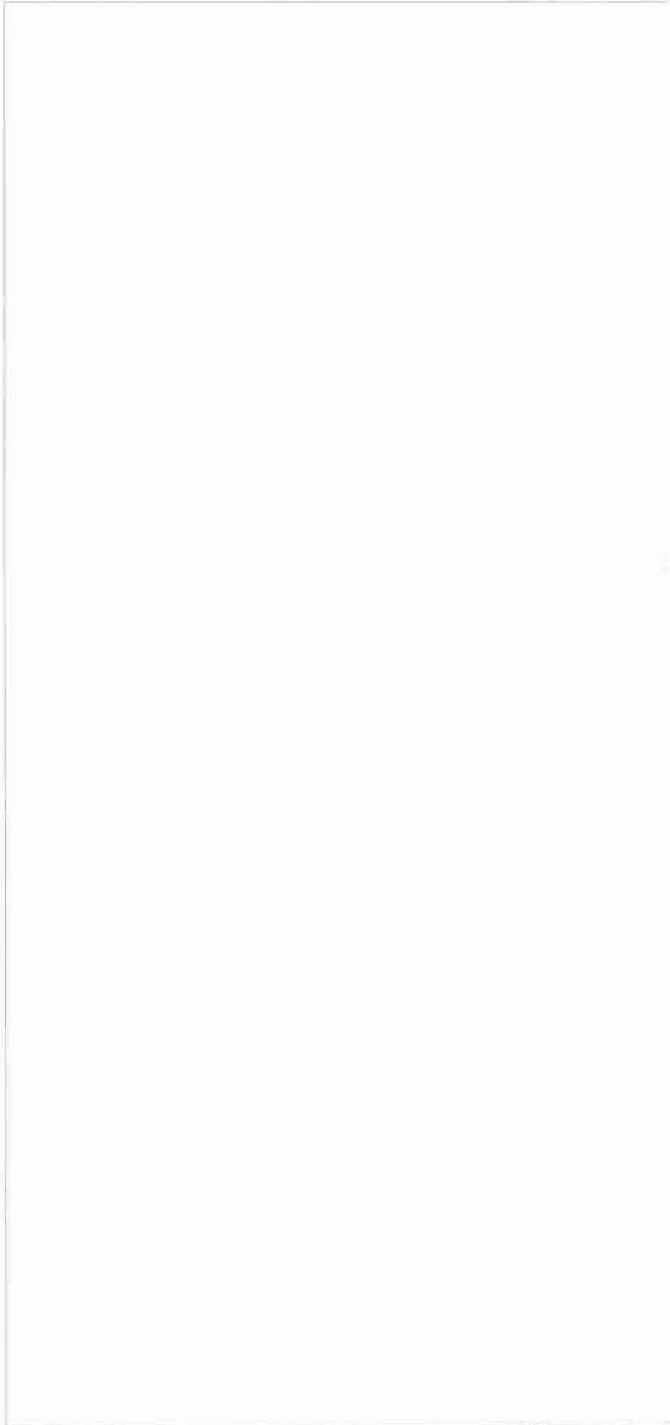
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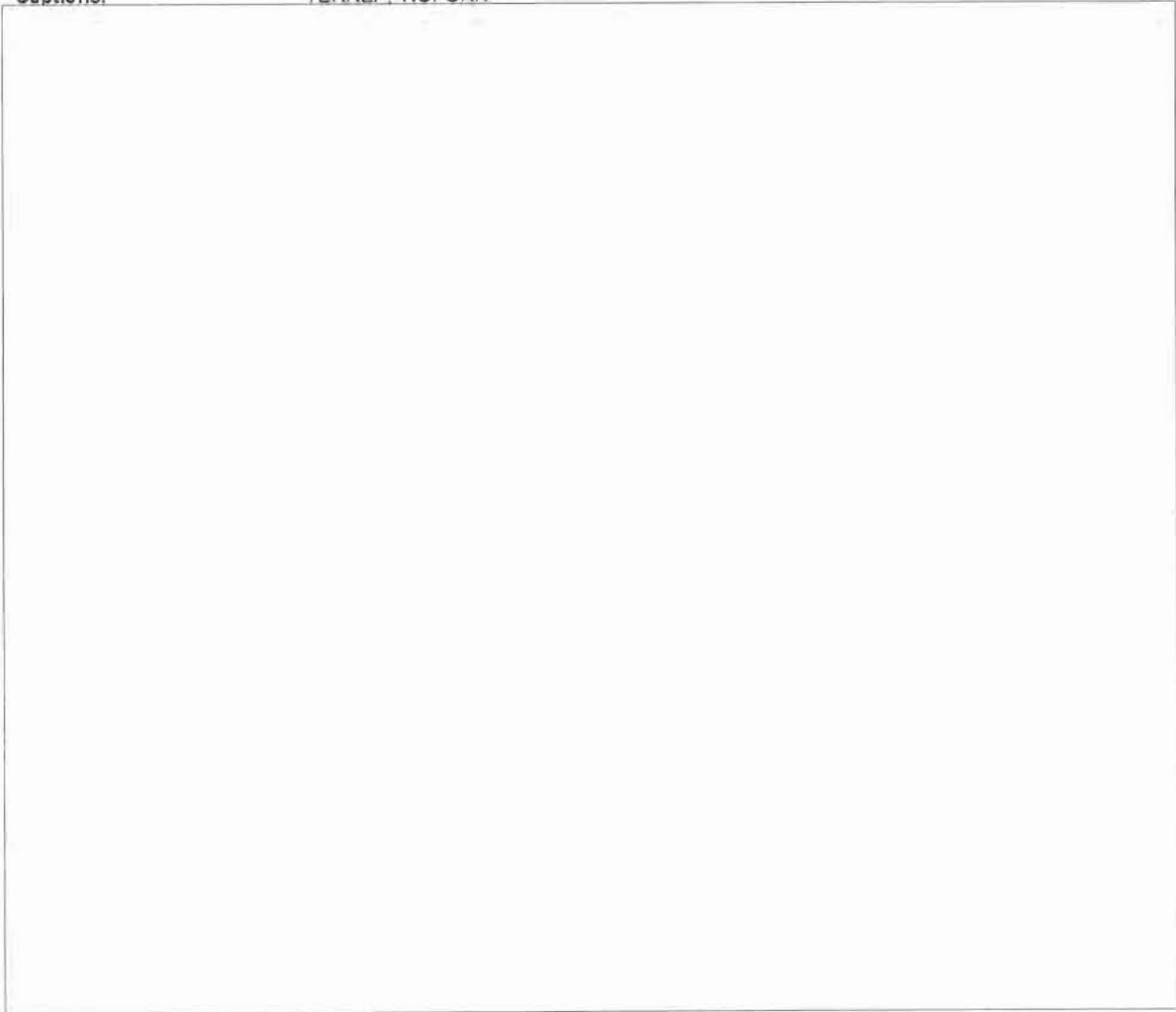
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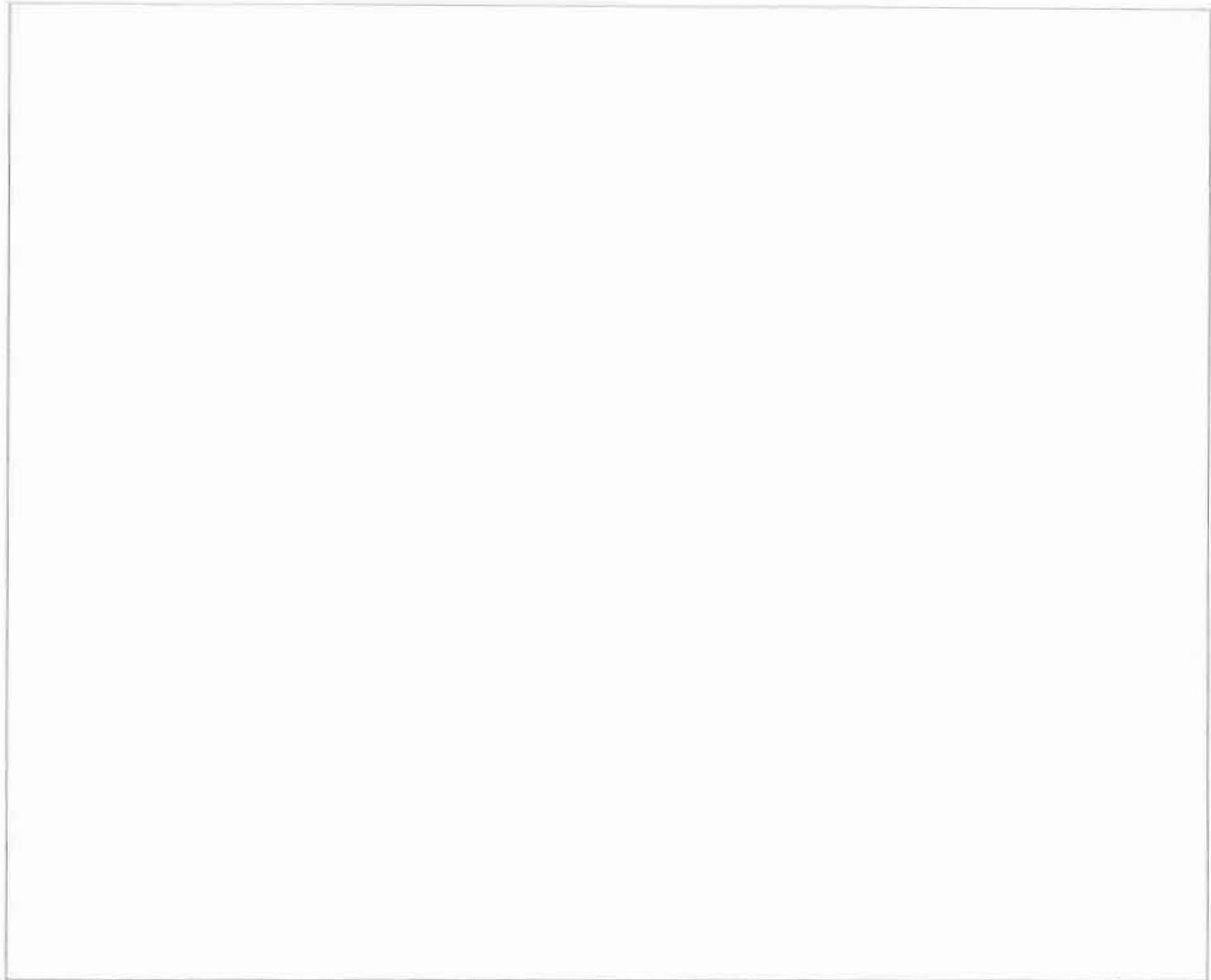


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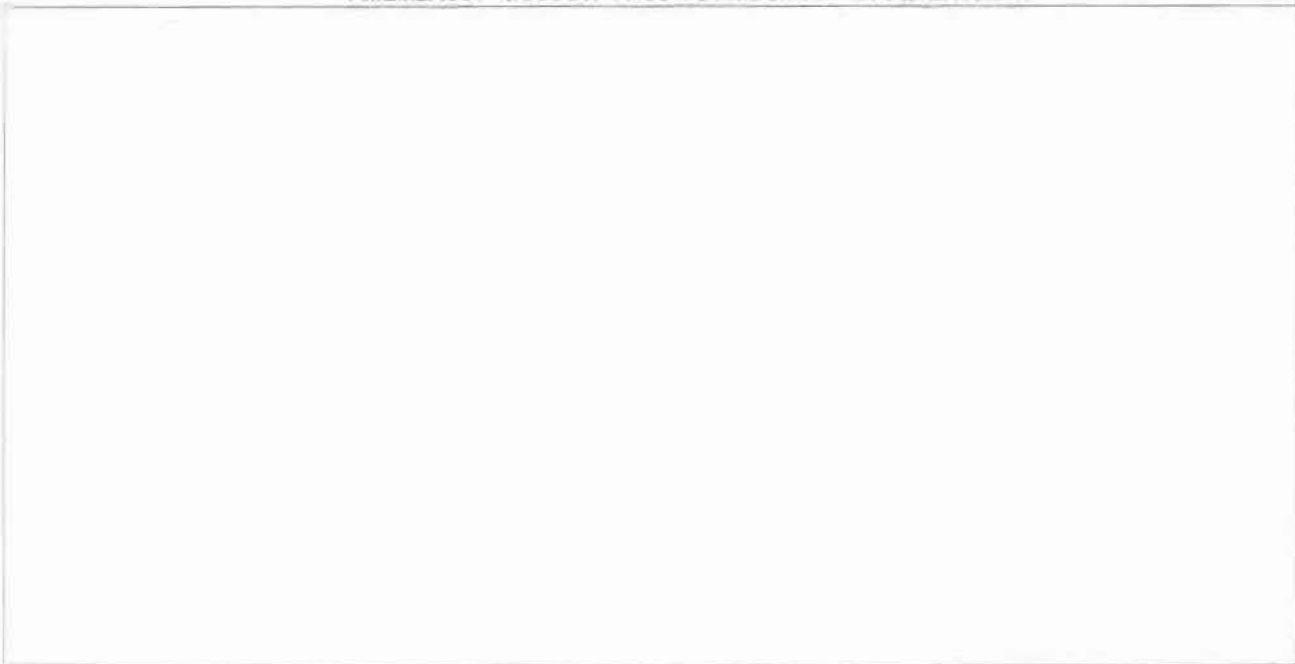
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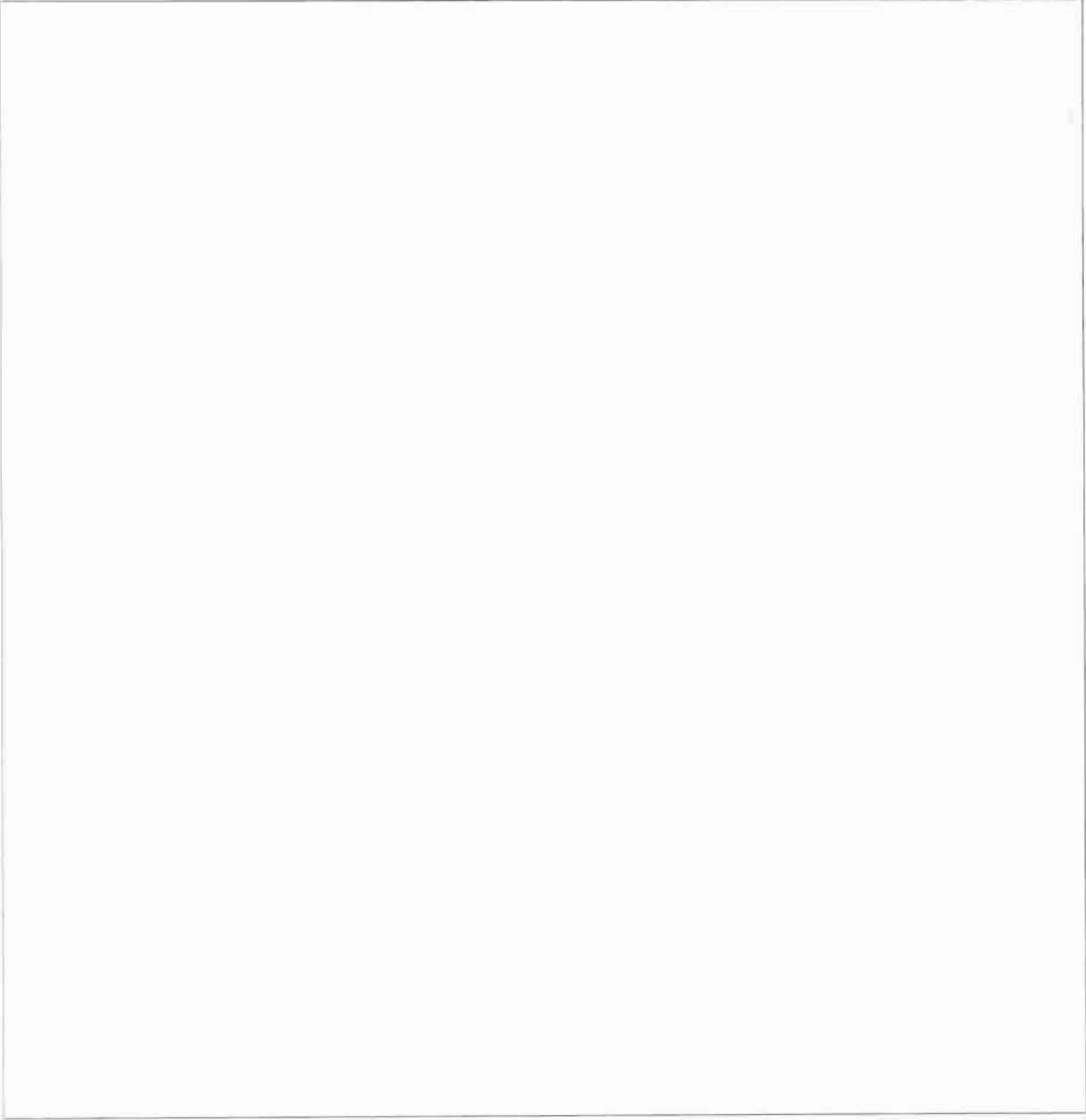
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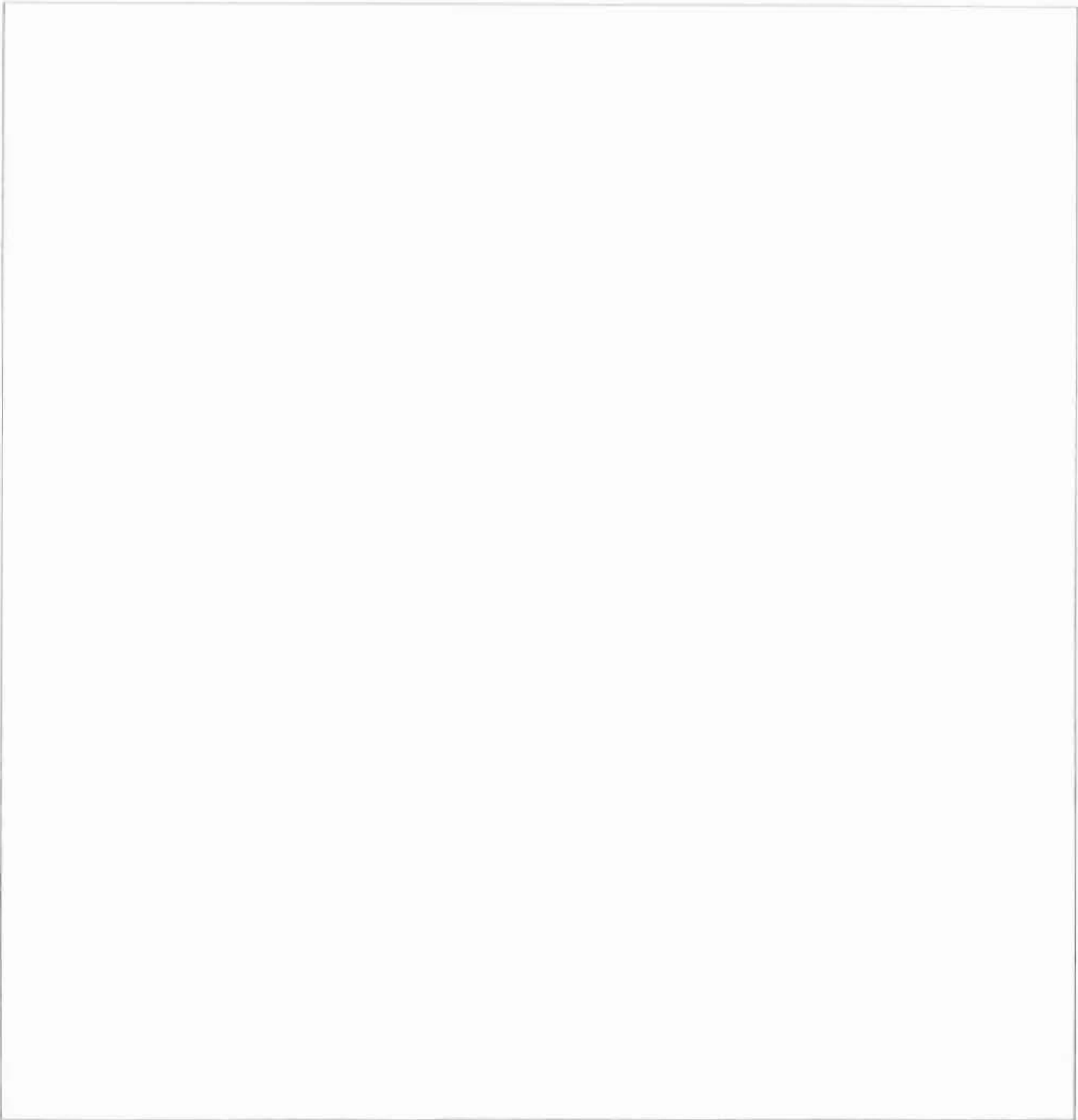
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9. (U) Pandith and the Consul General also met with [redacted] a journalist, businesswoman, and philanthropist. [redacted] spoke of the need to activate regional networks of women in business and politics, to enable idea sharing and cooperation across borders. She said that these networks could make it easier to weather regional crises, such as the political tensions that emerged after the Gaza Flotilla crisis. [redacted]

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### Turkey: Erdogan's Address in Cairo

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[Prime Minister Erdogan's speech in Cairo]

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said: "We are in the middle of an important period in Egypt in which its state and its nation have embarked on an endeavor of extensive rebirth and renewal spearheaded by the people. And we are experiencing a period in which the endeavor has been launched in people's minds. I am thrilled and delighted beyond description to be able to come to your country and witness history at first hand and to be able to share the joy and pride you so rightfully feel. "

Erdogan addressed Egypt and the international community at the International Law Forum arranged by the Cairo University Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences.

Prime Minister had to start his address late because the people in the hall were continually shouting slogans during his arrival. He began by saying in Arabic, "Greetings to the people of Egypt and the youth of Egypt."

Emphasizing that Egypt had been the homeland for countless civilizations throughout history Erdogan said: "Egypt is a country that has made unique contributions to mankind's cultural, scientific, philosophical and artistic heritage. At a time when the world is talking about a clash of civilizations this exceptional country, I am proud and happy to be able to address this exceptional society in this exceptional country, which by itself represents many more than one civilization."

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Prime Minister Erdogan continued:

"Egypt is the country of the saints Moses and Joseph. Egypt is 'Ummuddunya' - the mother of the world. Egypt is the fertile land given life by the River Nile. Egypt is the seat of the Al-Azhar University, of thousands of years of science and knowledge. Egypt is one of the ancient centers of Islamic civilization. Egypt is poet Ahmet Sevki and poet Mehmet Aki'f poem. Egypt is Abd us-Samed's voice, the count of Ummu Gulsum. Islam is one of the ancient centers of Islamic civilization. Egypt is Turkey's eternal brother. Cairo is Istanbul's eternal brother. Was it not the Calligraphers who said, 'The Koran descended into Mecca, was read in Cairo and written in Istanbul'? Is it not a fact that for many centuries all the scholars, bards and academicians travelled to Cairo? It is with these sentiments that I salute the people of Egypt through you. I offer my thanks for the warm reception you have given."

Saying, "Our region is undergoing an historic and revolutionary change and a democratic transformation," Prime Minister Erdogan went on: "We are in the middle of an important period in Egypt in which its state and its nation have embarked on an endeavor of extensive rebirth and renewal spearheaded by the people. And we are experiencing a period in which the endeavor has been launched in people's minds. I am thrilled and delighted beyond description to be able to come to your country and witness history at first hand and to be able to share the joy and pride you so rightfully feel. We came here with all our minister and parliamentary deputy colleagues and with our businessmen; we are together with you. Egypt is going to complete this process of transformation smoothly by leaning on its deep-rooted history and focusing on its bright future."

"In our history one young man closed an era of darkness and opened up an age of brightness. He was behind the conquest of Istanbul. Fatih Sultan Mehmet Han. In that place in which we saw him and youth close one age and open another we know very well what that kind of youth is capable of," said Prime Minister Erdogan continuing:

"It is that kind of youth we are seeing in Egypt right now and so I say blessings on the people of Egypt, on the youth of Egypt. I have seen this in Egypt as well. We have been saluting these young people with this excitement from the moment we saw them. It is so meaningful that it was a 26-year old computer engineer who started the freedom movement that began in Tunisia and then continued in Egypt and Libya. This movement, which was launched by young people who wanted to be the conscience of their country, of the world, in order to build a bright future, is pioneering an awakening, a resurrection that is spreading in waves. This awakening movement is not just limited to the countries of North Africa; it has made the world system question all the tyranny and injustices from America to Europe, from Asia to Africa.

"Some parts of the world are living in the highest standards while the rest is deprived of these standards, and this is being questioned by all the nations today. Nobody can take the blame for Somalia. Nobody can take the blame for Kenya. How are these people living, under what conditions are they living? It is everybody's duty to ask this, to question this. The transformation caused by this questioning has been echoing not just in this pained part of the



world but in the consciences of all societies that long for justice and peace, tranquility and safety, democracy and freedom. The youth of Egypt have caused the conscientious people in this world to raise their voices again. The message of freedom that began in Tunisia and spread outwards from Tahrir Square has become the light of hope for all the downtrodden in Tripoli, in Damascus, in Sana and in Bahrain. This message is the message of justice as opposed to tyranny, fairness as opposed to inequality. This message is the message of democracy, of freedom, of fraternity and of solidarity. Let me take this opportunity to respectfully honor Muhammed Buazizi and the memories of all the heroes who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom."

### **"Pioneer Change, Give It Direction"**

Stating that Turkey has always defended the need to greet the people's legitimate demands, Prime Minister Erdogan said: "This is because the administration has to obtain its legitimacy from the will of the people. Any administration that does not get its power from the people is illegitimate. Everybody should know that this is the essence of the policy Turkey is pursuing in its region. This moral principle was at the heart of the call we made when the demonstrations began in Egypt. The basic message we have been sending from Tunisia to Egypt, from Egypt to Libya, Syria, Yemen and Bahrain is clear: Instead of resisting change you must lead it and give that change direction."

Prime Minister Erdogan noted the following:

"You will remember the call I made eight months ago when the first steps of revolution were being taken in Egypt. 'We are all mortal. None of us are here forever. The just will be remembered with respect and honor. Therefore, you should heed the demands of the humanitarian demands that will end the cries of the people, and you should act on them. Freedoms cannot be put off, cannot be ignored.' When addressing my party's parliamentary group in Turkey I said this: 'We are all going to die. When we die they will bury us in a grave measuring two cubic meters. When the cleric is leading the funeral prayer he will not say, 'Here lies a king, a president or a prime minister.' He will say, 'Here lies a man, a woman.' Then they will take you and bury you in a grave of two cubic meters. What good is office or money then? Everybody goes out the same way.

"Some news came to me from Egypt back then. This message was supposedly a vile message, not pleasant at all. I did not say this for you but for all people in high office, for all presidents and prime ministers, all people with money and wealth. Are you not going to die then? Every mortal soul shall taste death. Back then the call was not heeded so we continued to express it in all sincerity for the sake of the region. We shall continue to voice that message with the same sincerity, as long as I am alive... This is because this foundation is key. We advised the peoples of the region to express their legitimate demands and expectations using non-violent and legitimate methods.

"This is because it is the people themselves who are going to see through this process of change and transformation that began with just and legitimate demands. Let the will of the people rule, not the rule of mortal desires. This is important."

### **Transformation Brings As Much Hardship As Opportunity**

In his speech Prime Minister Erdogan pointed out that processes of transformation brought not only opportunities but also hardships with them. He continued:

"You will all appreciate that the process of transformation brings with it just as many hardships as it does opportunities. We believe that if this process can be managed with a common mind and an all-embracing approach then great gains will be made towards bringing peace, security and stability on a global scale and spreading prosperity. We believe this with all our heart. This being so, the orientalist silliness that says democracy and this region's socio-cultural fabric are incompatible will be thoroughly debunked. Furthermore, we must never allow this historic opportunity to be squandered. We must take pains to avoid discriminatory and confrontational political methods that will weaken our power. To search for the reasons and the solution to the social incidents sweeping through our region in outside sources is an approach that must definitely be avoided. The approaches that constantly use outside power centers as a pretext for putting off solutions must end. What I am saying does not ignore the ill will harbored by some outside power centers. On the contrary, let me state again that we have to be alert to them. However, the era of putting off democracy and freedoms using these outside power centers as an excuse is over. Democracy and freedom are just as much your right, my brothers and sisters, as bread and water.

"I particularly want to underscore one other point: We think that the way to manage this process and make it reach the correct goal is absolutely to greet the joy brought by these developments with circumspect. This is because the correct steps should be taken calmly and consciously rather than with uncontrolled overflowing excitement and the flood of emotion."

Stating, "Let us not forget that the expected transformation will only take place by keeping alive the hopes for the future," Prime Minister Erdogan said: "Right now you have set off down the path towards democracy and in November 2011 you shall, God-willing, hold a general election. Of your own free will you will determine Egypt's new government. It is my wish for this government that a government of the people and a government of the people will be Egypt's new starting point."

### **People Of Egypt Have Shown How Ready They Are For Participatory Democracy**

Prime Minister Erdogan said: "In the constitutional referendum held in Egypt after the revolution the people of Egypt showed how ready they were for participatory democracy. The will and the determination shown by the people of Egypt on the path to taking charge of democratic values have become a symbol of change in the entire region."

Underscoring that Tahrir Square had earned its place in the history books Erdogan continued with his speech:

"Tahrir Square has even now taken its place in the pages of history as synonymous with the struggle for freedom and democracy. We have full faith that Egypt is going to take the next steps in its transformation with national unity, speed and resolve. We are certain that the new Constitution and the general elections are going to make Egypt more powerful and more respected than in the past. That is why it is important that the elections are carried out on time and in a healthy fashion and that all the people of Egypt get to shape their new administration with a powerful turnout. As Egypt develops and grows strong so our relations will develop and grow strong on more robust foundations."

### **Our Foreign Trade Volume Reached \$4 Billion**

In his speech Prime Minister Erdogan drew attention to the impetus gained by relations between both countries in all areas. Erdogan said:

"Indeed, our relations have gained impetus in every area in recent times. As of last year our volume of foreign trade reached \$4 billion. Just five years ago this figure was only \$60 million. Look how far we have come. Turkish investments in Egypt have today reached \$2 billion. Our goal is to increase this figure to \$5 billion. Some 280 Turkish entrepreneurs accompanied us on our trip to Egypt. Tomorrow we are going to hold a businessmen's council and we shall speak with Prime Minister Essam Sharaf. The Burj al-Arab region in Alexandria and the 6 Oct Industrial City are taking on a different appearance thanks to increasing Turkish investment. At this time when Egypt needs more solidarity and foreign investment in the economy than ever before Turkey is working hard to do all it can. When Turkey's and Egypt's joint ties are taken into consideration there is no doubt that many more opportunities for cooperation lie ahead of us. Both countries have a combined population strength of 150 million people. In terms of surface area they make up a total of 1.8 million square hectares. We practically surround the Mediterranean. There is a significant potential between our countries not just in the field of commerce but in the military, cultural and energy fields as well that we need to concentrate on."

### **We Signed 11 Agreements Today**

Stressing that Turkey was Egypt's gateway to Europe and the Caucasus Prime Minister Erdogan noted:

"We added tourism to the cultural potential because Egypt clearly has a place in faith and culture tourism. Nine years ago 13 million Turks came to Egypt as tourists. Today, that figure has surpassed 30 million. This can and will happen if we believe, if we strive, if we work. If you only look at it in terms of sun, sea and sand you will never get anywhere. When Egypt's natural gas gets to Turkey via the Arab pipeline a new page can be opened for both our countries and for our region and beyond. I mean, to Europe. In this respect, we need to keep on

with our work in the period ahead as well. Egypt is Turkey's gateway to Africa. Turkey is Egypt's gateway to Europe, the Caucasus and the Caspian. The Senior Level Strategic Cooperation Council that we have recently put into effect is going to have a key role in this regard. Today we signed 11 agreements. Now we are going to put those agreements into effect with all due haste. In the presence of both prime ministers we practically had a Cabinet meeting."

Prime Minister Erdogan stressed that universal values and a freer and more democratic life were everybody's right. Stating that fundamental rights and freedoms could not be obstructed or shelved by any political considerations Erdogan said: "Democracy is more than just the people's right. It is the people's property, its possession. Nobody can take back what somebody owns."

Stating, "The awakening that began in Tunisia passed a critical test in Egypt, the drive and determination of the people of Egypt have become the guarantor that the march on the road to freedom will continue," Erdogan continued:

"Today a new page is opening in Libya after Tunisia and Egypt. The people of Libya are very close now to a brighter future. The Turkish Embassy went into effect 10 days ago as the first embassy in Tripoli under the Transitional National Council. This is the manifestation of our support for the people of Libya in the honorable struggle they are waging. The only way to ensure security, stability and prosperity in our region is to meet the peoples' legitimate demands. Any who argue differently are condemned to face a painful fate. Change is always difficult, but it is inevitable. Given that change is inevitable it is pointless to fight it. Perhaps the hardest thing in processes of social change is to get the common mind moving and to transform it into common will. Turkey is always ready to give whatever full support is necessary to every form of will on the road to democratization in its region and in the world. We are opposed to totalitarian, authoritarian and autocratic systems. We side with democratic system and we are fighting for this."

### **Any Leader Who Slaughters His Own People Loses His Legitimacy**

Prime Minister Erdogan touched also on the developments in Syria: "Today we are witnessing serious developments in our neighbor Syria. First and foremost I want to say that we can neither be friend to or trust in any administration that shoots on its own people, raids its own cities with tanks and artillery and kills civilians. We have offered Syria's Head of State Beshar al-Asad all manner of support from the outset. We cautioned him to enact reforms in accordance with the legitimate demands of the Syrian people in all haste. We told him we were ready to offer him all manner of support and we gave the Syrian administration every opportunity to this end. However, it has reached the point now where civilian deaths are mounting with each passing day, and we can see that the necessary reforms are not being carried out. He did not speak truly and now the Syrian people do not believe Al-Asad. I do not believe him and nor do we."

Pointing out that any leader who slaughters his people loses his legitimacy Erdogan continued:

"More than that, he becomes condemned by mankind's conscience for eternity. It is pointless trying to put down the process of change using brute force. The Syrian leader's insistence on following this path is not going to bring peace or stability to Syria. It is our wish that the country's leadership starting with Al-Asad realize this at once. Our Prophet, our Guide, the Messenger of God said: 'Hasibu enfusekum kalbe entu hasibu.' Give a good account of yourself before being called to account. Let us not forget that this is sage advice that will protect us from all disasters."

### **This World Belonged To Nobody Before Us Nor Will It Belong To Anybody After Us**

Noting that everybody in this world was mortal Erdogan said: "My brothers. We are all mortal in this world. We surely belong to God and we shall undoubtedly return to Him. 'Inna Lillahi ve inna ileyhi raciun.' [as published Turkish transliteration of Koran Arabic] Did this world stay with the Phaeroes, with the Nimrods, with Moses? Moses was one of the people from this land, was he not? Let us not forget that it was God that enabled Moses to grow up in the palace on the Nile. He is all powerful and we would be well to remember that. This world belonged to nobody before us and it shall belong to nobody after us."

Underscoring that Syria was not just any old country for Turkey, Prime Minister Erdogan noted:

"I want to underscore this point: Syria is not just any old country for us. It is a country with which we share 950 km of border. We have familial ties with Syria. It is a country with which we thus share a common destiny. There is no doubt that Syria's national unity and territorial integrity are key for us. Our hearts will never allow any harm to befall Syria's national unity and territorial integrity. We care as much about Syria's standing and order, about the happiness and peace of our Syrian brothers as we do our own. Syria is effectively heading into a sectarian conflict right now. There are power centers encouraging this both domestic and foreign. We told them this, told them to be alert. We said, 'Look, this kind of trouble is on the way.' Indeed, that is what happened in the past and so now we have the current situation."

"In our region we can see important developments taking place while at the same time we can see continuing threats to security and stability," said Erdogan adding: "Today, the Israeli government illegitimate and inhumane practices are the biggest obstacle before lasting peace and stability in the region. Their aggressive policies and lack of recognition for the law and rules have now exceeded all tolerance levels. The Israeli administration is wasting all the opportunities presented to it out of great strategic blindness. It is about time Israel was made to understand it cannot keep on playing the game this way."

Recalling the attack on the Mavi Marmara ship Prime Minister Erdogan continued:

"As you all know nine Turkish citizens were martyred in a planned armed attack carried out in international waters on a civilian flotilla bringing relief aid to Gaza 15 months ago. One of these people was at the same time a US national. More than 70 passengers from different

nations were hurt in that despicable attack. Turkey gave Israel many opportunities to make up for the crime it had committed but Israel wasted them all. At the point we are at now the biggest price Israel has paid for the crime it committed is to lose the level of relations it used to have with Turkey, the greatest democracy in the region. Unless and until Israel apologizes, pays reparations to the families of the innocent victims and lifts the inhuman blockade it is imposing on Gaza we shall continue with and increase the measures we are applying with respect to Israel.

"The crimes committed by Israel are on display for all to see in the report published by Palmer and his assistant, who were commissioned by the UN Secretary General. On the other hand, the panel's efforts to legitimize Israel's blockade of Gaza are unacceptable. It saddens me to say that as it stands this report is invalid to us. Any report that legitimizes the blockade of Gaza is, in your language 'ke enlem yekun' or meaningless to us."

Prime Minister Erdogan said: "Actually, the report published by the UN Human Rights Council Independent Fact Finding Mission is key. This report clearly states that the blockade is entirely in contravention of international law. We consider illegitimate any and all efforts to legitimize the blockade of Gaza."

"Let me reiterate here that Turkey will take all measures necessary to ensure freedom of navigation in the Eastern Mediterranean," said Prime Minister Erdogan continuing: "The latest example of Israel's flouting the law was seen on 18 August when it murdered five Egyptian security guards. Let me take this opportunity to say rest in peace to the slain security guards and to offer my condolences to their families and the people of Egypt."

### **Only Choice Is To Recognize Palestinian State**

Underscoring that every settlement built by Israel in the occupied territories was one more wall in the way of lasting peace Prime Minister Erdogan said:

"It is our hope that the Israeli administration sees where these inhumane and unlawful policies are taking them. It is our hope that the people of Israel see the walls of isolation that their own administration is putting up. We are settling the score with Israel's conflicted administration. There is no question of us hating the people of Israel. It is in our faith to love the created because of our love for the Creator. That is the framework in which we act but the Israeli administration is not humane. It has no conscience. It has no legal infrastructure at all. At this point the only solution is to recognize the Palestinian state. With God's permission we shall find the opportunity to see Palestine in a very different status at the United Nations before the end of this month. We are continuing to work intensely with our Palestinian brothers to this end."

### **I Am In Gaza In Spirit**

Prime Minister Erdogan said it was about time an end was put to the problems being faced by the Palestinian people. "I want to call on all of Palestine and all our Palestinian brothers from here," said Prime Minister Erdogan noting:

"Turkey is always with you. I am calling on all my Gaza brothers from here. It was really was mine and my colleagues' greatest wish during this trip to visit you. Given the current circumstances it was not possible I want to tell my Gaza brothers again how much we long to visit Gaza. I am in Gaza in spirit. We are going to continue making every effort to lift the inhumane blockade of Gaza. The problems being suffered by the people of Palestine must end. Palestine must be recognized as a state. The very legitimacy of the international system rests on solving the Palestinian problem. Unless and until this problem is solved such concepts as rights, the law and legitimacy at an international level are going to deteriorate rapidly, and I am saying this: I want to remind the United States to review the statement it made in connection with the steps that Palestine is going to take, or is considering taking, with respect to the UN Security Council because such prejudice is not in keeping with the idea of a fair treatment in foreign policy or the idea of bringing peace and justice to the region.

"It is extremely important for us to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Palestinian brothers united in a common goal during this struggle. Therefore, I am calling on Al-Fatah and on HAMAS. Do not work apart but together, shoulder to shoulder as befits you. At home you must put aside your differences and outside the world has to support your righteous cause. Change is continual. It requires constant patience and perseverance."

### **I Cannot Forget One Thing: Tahrir Square**

Prime Minister Erdogan said: "You may well be facing some hardships arising from this transition period; but you have to accept that these are temporary. I beg of you to ride out this transition period in unity, togetherness and solidarity. You ought to know that democracy and the economy run head to head. The moment that safety and stability come to Egypt the country will pick up rapidly because we have full faith that Egypt is going to embark on new endeavors that befit its long standing experience of civilization and statecraft."

Prime Minister Erdogan said he believed that Turkish-Egyptian friendship would become deeper and more powerful in the period ahead.

Stating that the Turkish and Egyptian peoples were going to walk together into a common future Erdogan said: "Turkey will always be at Egypt's side because we have historical familial ties in this country. Similarly, Egypt has familial ties in Turkey. Now hand in hand we shall be able to change many things through solidarity for peace in the region. The fraternity and strategic partnership that exist between our two countries shall be the assurance of peace and development. May the general elections set for Nov 2011 turn out for the best, but there is one thing I cannot forget: Tahrir Square."

[Description of Source: Ankara Prime Minister's Office in Turkish -- Official website of the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Turkey; URL: <http://www.basbakanlik.gov.tr>]



**From:** Thessin, James H  
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**To:** Burns, William J  
**Cc:** Smith, Daniel B; Sullivan, Jacob J; Donoghue, Joan E; Ashraf, Madeeha S; Townley, Stephen G  
**Subject:** Gaza - U.S. Flag Vessel

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I promised you an update before day's end on what we have learned about the U.S. flagged yachts. Here is a summary of the facts, legal issues and possible options.

Best,  
Jim

**Factual Issues**

- [Redacted]

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**Legal issues and possible courses of action**

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**Expires:** Sunday, November 28, 2010 5:00 PM

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Just informed by MOD [redacted] that they have fixed their legal problems and that all the detained Turks are free to go. Detainees and injured are being taken to the airport this afternoon. [redacted]  
 [redacted] Not certain yet whether all other detainees are being released as well, but the Turks should be out soon.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:05 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H; Sievers, Marc J; Cunningham, James B; [redacted] Sullivan, Jacob J; [redacted] Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E  
**Subject:** Re: Conversation with MFA

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**From:** Gordon, Philip H  
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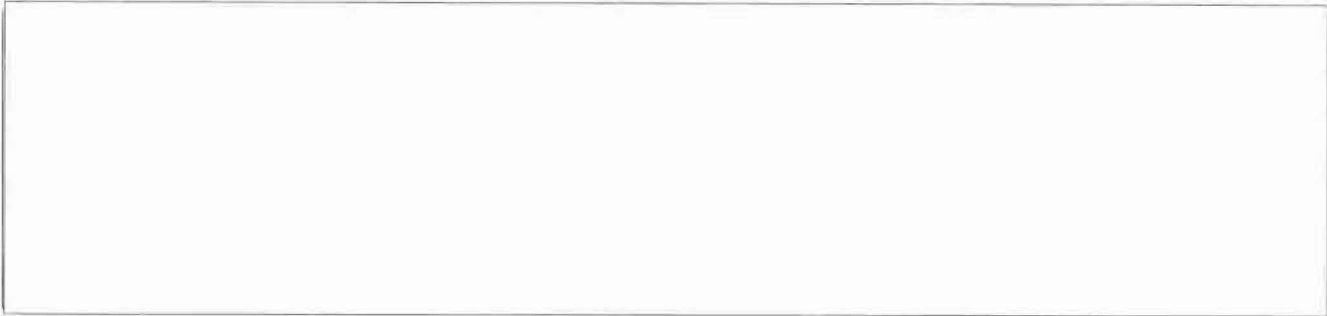
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**Subject:** Re: Ha'aretz: UN proposes former New Zealand PM to head Gaza probe

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**Sent:** Sun Jun 06 01:05:15 2010  
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**Sent:** Sat Jun 05 21:45:39:2010

**Subject:** Ha'aretz: UN proposes former New Zealand PM to head Gaza probe

A lot of sloppy journalism here; but he got some of the story right...

## **UN proposes former New Zealand PM head Gaza flotilla probe**

**UN chief Ban Ki-moon hands Israel proposal for international committee of inquiry into raid on Gaza-bound aid flotilla; senior government officials recommend responding favorably to the committee because Turkey will probably oppose it.**

By Barak Ravid Tags: Gaza flotilla UN Turkey

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has conveyed a proposal to Israel to set up an international commission of inquiry into the raid on the Gaza-bound aid flotilla a week ago.

The head of the committee would be former New Zealand prime minister Geoffrey Palmer, an expert on maritime law. Committee members would include representatives from the United States, Turkey and Israel.

Senior officials at the Foreign Ministry said Israel should consider the idea favorably.

Top officials in Jerusalem and European diplomats said Ban's preliminary proposal, which he made in a phone call to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, does not precisely define the committee's mandate. But it is certain to consider whether Israel's takeover of the ship the Mavi Marmara contravened international law.

Ban reportedly suggested that he appoint the committee's chairman and suggested Palmer as a candidate.

Senior government officials said the Foreign Ministry recommends responding favorably to establishing the committee because Turkey will probably oppose it.

"Such a committee will reveal many details about the link between [Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip] Erdogan, the flotilla organizers and the IHH," a senior official said. He was referring to a Turkish Islamic nongovernmental organization that reportedly has ties to terror groups.

"If the mandate is reasonable and does not include questioning IDF soldiers, such a committee could remove the sting from the affair and neutralize similar future flotillas," the official added.

Ban's proposal came after another proposal, for a committee like the one South Korea established after the sinking of one of its navy ships, was rejected. That committee, whose members included South Korea, the United States, Sweden, Canada and Australia, determined that North Korea had sunk the ship. This model, which the United States supported, was rejected by Israel because of the completely different circumstances of the two events.

Netanyahu and Defense Minister Ehud Barak are said to be leaning toward an examination of the events surrounding the takeover of the Mavi Marmara, with American or other international participation.

A senior source in the Prime Minister's Bureau noted that Netanyahu opposes the questioning of Israel Defense Forces soldiers, but that he is not ruling out any options regarding "scrutiny of the events."

According to a source in Barak's office, "Barak opposes the questioning of soldiers and officers, but he is prepared for an examination under Israeli aegis with the participation of foreign observers."

Talks also continued over the weekend between Israel and the United States about the possibility of easing the blockade of Gaza. Dan Shapiro, head of the Israel desk at the U.S. National Security Council, remained in Israel for further discussions on the matter, after taking part, with special envoy George Mitchell, in proximity talks between Israel and the Palestinians on Thursday and Friday. He met over the weekend with National Security Adviser Uzi Arad, and is to continue his talks on Sunday.

A senior government official said Israel had accepted the U.S. proposal to launch official talks on ways to ease the Gaza blockade. But at this point, Jerusalem has reportedly rejected setting up an international force to check ships seeking to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza. "That didn't work in Lebanon or at the Rafah crossing, and it's doubtful it will work in this case," the official said.

A senior government official said a new date for the meeting between Netanyahu and U.S. President Barack Obama could be next week, after Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' visit to Washington on Wednesday. However, the Netanyahu-Barak meeting could be postponed until the last week in June.

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**Subject:** Aluf Benn on U.S. diplomacy during flotilla crisis

Benn is admittedly left-wing, but as far as Israeli coverage of our diplomacy over the past week, this is not bad (even if we don't have the silver bullet to the problem of Gaza).

## **An American life preserver**

### **When Israel once again found itself looking like a world-class bully this week, Netanyahu called on Obama for help. But there will be a price to pay**

By [Aluf Benn](#)

Israel's ties with the United States returned to its old, familiar format this week: a relationship between a small country and a great power. This is the most important result of the "flotilla affair."

Israel announced it would stop the aid ships on their way to Gaza by force. When to their surprise the naval commandos faced resistance on the Mavi Marmara, the operation went bad, ending with nine passengers dead, an international wave of condemnations directed at Israel and a public clash with Turkey - which supported the maritime protest.

After about a year and a half of security quiet, once again Israel looks like a bully who hits first and thinks afterward. In this situation, there is only one person who can help: U.S. President Barack Obama. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with him on the phone a few times on Monday, the day of the crisis, and requested that he veto a resolution against Israel in the United Nations Security Council. Obama did not use the doomsday weapon of American diplomacy, but the UN resolution was anyway softened to a toothless "statement."

After that, Obama conducted "proximity talks" between Israel and Turkey. The outcome was that Israel repatriated all the passengers on the flotilla, even those Israel depicted as "Al-Qaida supporters" and the Turks toned down their rhetoric.

And then the Americans dictated to Israel how the investigation will be conducted and also demanded the opening, to some extent, of the locked gates of Gaza. Netanyahu has agreed in principle. He is prepared to reexamine the closure on Gaza so that it will be focused on preventing arms smuggling and is even prepared to consider international involvement in its enforcement.

It isn't the means that are important, but rather the end, so there will not be an "Iranian port in Gaza" through which thousands of rockets will be sent to Hamas.

Netanyahu is opposed to an internal probe, which might lead to a situation that would obligate every fighter and commander to bring lawyers along on missions. He will agree to an examination of the legality of the action against the flotilla to Gaza, and of the amount of force Israel used in taking over the Mavi Marmara. In his opinion Israel has good answers and U.S. Vice President Joe Biden has already publicly backed Israel.

Before the Imbroglia this week, Netanyahu believed he had defeated Obama in the battle for American public opinion and had succeeded in repelling the pressure to stop Israeli construction in East Jerusalem - which was perceived as a political threat to the stability of his coalition.

But the Israeli sense of victory was spurious. Even then Netanyahu was asking Obama's help in preventing pressure on Israel on the nuclear issue. At the end of last week the global nuclear conference in New York ended in a resolution calling upon Israel, in diplomatic language, to shut down its nuclear project.

Obama voted in favor of the resolution and then announced he objected to the Israeli provision. Diplomatic sources in Jerusalem reported on "new strategic understandings" with the United States, expressing "a significant step up in the history of the relations."

The announcement of the so-called strategic understandings showed the veracity of the repeated claim by Obama and his aides that they are indeed committed to Israel's security and are more concerned about it than their predecessors. And it also showed that in times of diplomatic distress, Netanyahu has to rely on Obama and that Israel has no allies apart from him.

However, it is hard to believe all this was for free: What did Netanyahu give Obama in return for the strategic understandings? Did he promise not to attack Iran? Or that Israel would coordinate everything with America? Or perhaps he offered something related to the West Bank?

At the end of last week Netanyahu visited Canada. On Sunday evening he gave an interview to the Canadian CBC television network, when he apparently believed the naval operation would be clean and he would arrive in Washington as a hero. But then everything went awry and after some typical waffling, the prime minister gave up the meeting with Obama and went back to Israel.

The American administration has a lot of good intentions but it does not have good answers to the Palestinian issue. Or to the Gaza problem or to Israel's fear that a withdrawal from the West Bank will transform it into an Iranian rocket base. The Americans are telling Netanyahu it is worth his while to make a deal with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, before somebody worse comes into office. This is not enough, in the meantime, to convince him.



In the administration they understand Netanyahu is sitting pretty in his coalition and aren't pinning many hopes on opposition leader Kadima MK Tzipi Livni or any other claimant to the throne. Therefore, they have decided to work with him and not against him, despite the huge difference in the way the two governments view the world.

Mossad chief Meir Dagan said this week in the Knesset that the administration had considered an imposed arrangement but has shelved it for the moment because it believed this would not bring peace. Dagan warned that Israel is gradually becoming a burden on the United States. In this week's debacle, yet again, the Americans had to clean up the mess the Israeli forces left behind.

Obama came to Netanyahu's rescue, and the prime minister owes him now. If not the dismantling of the settlements and the establishment of Palestine, then at least a bit of humility and gratitude, and perhaps also some easing of the closure on Gaza.

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## ***SITUATION REPORT No. 1***

### ***Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group***

Monday, May 31, 2010  
1845 EDT

#### **STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS INVOLVED**

- (SBU) Nine Amcits, including two journalists, were reportedly onboard the first two ships to dock in the Israeli port of Ashdod; three are scheduled to be deported from Ben Gurion Airport the morning of June 1. The remaining individuals are held at a detention facility near Beer Sheeva. The MFA will provide consular access to Amcits the morning of June 1.
- (SBU) One Amcit reportedly received minor injuries and was treated at Barzilay Hospital, but was not aboard the Turkish vessel, MAVI MARMARA, where confrontations with the IDF occurred.
- (SBU) The MFA presumes a number of unaccounted Amcits are on the MAVI MARMARA, which has yet to dock.
- (SBU) The dead have been taken to a forensic lab, but it may be several hours before they are identified. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

#### **TURKEY APPEALS TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL**

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(SBU) Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu said Israel treated international aid workers as "combatants," and "the peace process has been suffocated by a single act of aggression." Turkey is seeking a UNSC Presidential Statement demanding: Israel apologize to countries and individuals harmed in the incident; an "urgent inquiry" be conducted by the UN; international legal action against those responsible; immediate repatriation of the dead and wounded; delivery of all ship cargo to Gaza; an end to the Gaza blockade.

(Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

## GAZA REACTION

(SBU) Hamas called for a three-day strike in the Palestinian Territories, but has not so far enforced it, even in Gaza. Embassy contacts suggest the apparent lack of enthusiasm for protests reflected scant hope for the future in Gaza, especially regarding the international response to the current situation. Others, however, saw initiatives like the "Free Gaza" flotilla as intended to support only Hamas and its beneficiaries. (Jerusalem 922)

## INTERNATIONAL MEDIA REACTION

- (U) United Nations: U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said "It is vital that there is a full investigation to determine exactly how this bloodshed took place. I believe Israel must urgently provide a full explanation," he said. (Reuters)
- (U) United Kingdom: Foreign Secretary William Hague: "I deplore the loss of life during the interception of the Gaza Flotilla... We have consistently advised against attempting to access Gaza in this way, because of the risks involved. But at the same time, there is a clear need for Israel to act with restraint and in line with international obligations..." (Reuters)
- (U) Germany: Government spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm: "The German government is shocked by events in the international waters by Gaza... Every German government supports unconditionally Israel's right to self defense," said Wilhelm, but added that Israeli actions should correspond to what he described as the "basic principle" of proportionality. (Reuters)
- (U) European Union: High Representative Catherine Ashton: "expresses her deep regret at the news of loss of life and violence and extends her sympathies to families of the dead and wounded," said a spokesman for Ashton. "On behalf of the European Union she demands a full enquiry about the circumstances in which this happened... The continued policy of closure is unacceptable and politically counter-productive. She calls for an immediate, sustained and unconditional opening of the crossing for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and persons to and from Gaza." (Reuters)
- (U) Egypt: "President Hosni Mubarak condemns Israel's excessive and unjustified use of force against innocent civilians," state news agency MENA said, adding that Mubarak stressed Egypt's support of Gaza's Palestinians. (Reuters)
- (U) Palestinian Territories: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas declared three days of official mourning for the dead and said, "What Israel has committed on board the Freedom Flotilla was a massacre." (Reuters)
- (U) Saudi Arabia: The cabinet declared, "This attack is an act of hostility that reflects inhumane practices that defy the whole world ... and the insistence to starve the Palestinian people ... and kill innocent people." (Reuters)
- (U) Arab League: Secretary-General Amr Moussa called for an emergency meeting to discuss what the body that groups 22 Arab states described as Israel's "terrorist act". (Reuters)
- (U) Spain: Secretary of State Diego Lopez Garrido said, "Spain unequivocally condemns the Israeli attack on the humanitarian flotilla and it does so as a country and as the acting president of the EU Council. Spain has summoned the Israeli ambassador to ask him for explanations of the attack." (Reuters)

For more information on the Gaza Flotilla, please see the Ops portal at the following link:

[http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza\\_Flotilla\\_2010](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Gaza_Flotilla_2010)

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**NEW YORK POLS SUPPORT PETITION URGING STATE DEPT. INVESTIGATION OF IHH  
FLOTILLA PASSENGERS HEADED TO NYC**

**OVER 20,000 SIGN ON TO DRIVE**

**WHAT:** The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY) along with New York State and City public officials will echo the call of a petition signed by 20,000 urging the State Department to investigate passengers from the IHH flotilla who intend to come to New York on a speaking tour. The IHH is widely

considered a terrorist organization associated with Union of the Good, an Islamic umbrella affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood.

**WHO:**

- Congressman Eliot Engel
- Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney
- Congressman Jerrold Nadler
- Congressman Charles Rangel
- Congressman Anthony Weiner
- NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn
- JCRC-NY President Janice W. Shorestein
- JCRC-NY EVP and CEO Michael S. Miller

**WHEN:** Monday, June 14th at 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Times Square: Broadway between 45th and 46th Streets (west side of the street)

**DETAILS:** On Monday, June 14th at 11:00am, the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC-NY), together with U.S. Representatives Eliot Engel, Carolyn Maloney, Jerrold Nadler, Charles Rangel and Anthony Weiner, NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and a host of additional State and City public officials, will call on the U.S. State Department to investigate any and all passengers on the Mavi Marmara and other ships from Turkey's IHH flotilla who apply for visas to enter the United States. A speaking tour has been announced for some of these passengers with a planned New York City event in the coming weeks. A petition calling for this investigation has already captured over 20,000 signatures and will be presented by JCRC-NY to Rep. Engel for delivery to the appropriate authorities in Washington, DC.

**BACKGROUND:** It is widely reported that during the 1990s the IHH maintained links with al-Qaida and a number of global jihad networks. Investigations into the IHH's dealings in 1997 uncovered that the IHH had bought automatic weapons from Islamist terrorists. A raid was launched on the IHH's Istanbul offices where weapons, explosives, and instructions for bomb-making were stored. Documents found at the IHH office indicated that they were planning to take part in terrorist activities in several countries. In the mid-1990s IHH leader B'ulent Yildirim recruited soldiers for jihad activities in some Muslim countries and that the IHH transferred money, firearms, and explosives to jihadists in a number of countries. Law states that the State Department will deny visas to those providing assistance to terrorist organizations. Visa applicants must therefore prove that they were unaware of the IHH's intentions and that the cash in the possession of the passengers of the Mavi Marmara was not meant to fund or to give things of value to support terrorist activity or a terrorist organization, namely Hamas. Any such visa applicant, who cannot provide the requisite clear and convincing evidence or proof, should be deemed inadmissible to the United States.

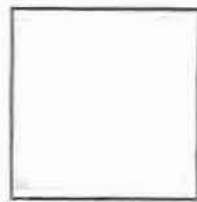
A copy of the petition can be found here: <http://jcrcony.org/flotilla/statedeptpetition.html>

JCRC-NY is the coordinating and resource body for more than 60 major Jewish organizations in the New York metropolitan area and an affiliate of UJA-Federation of New York.

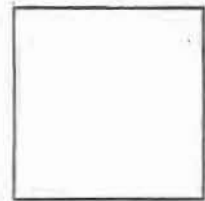
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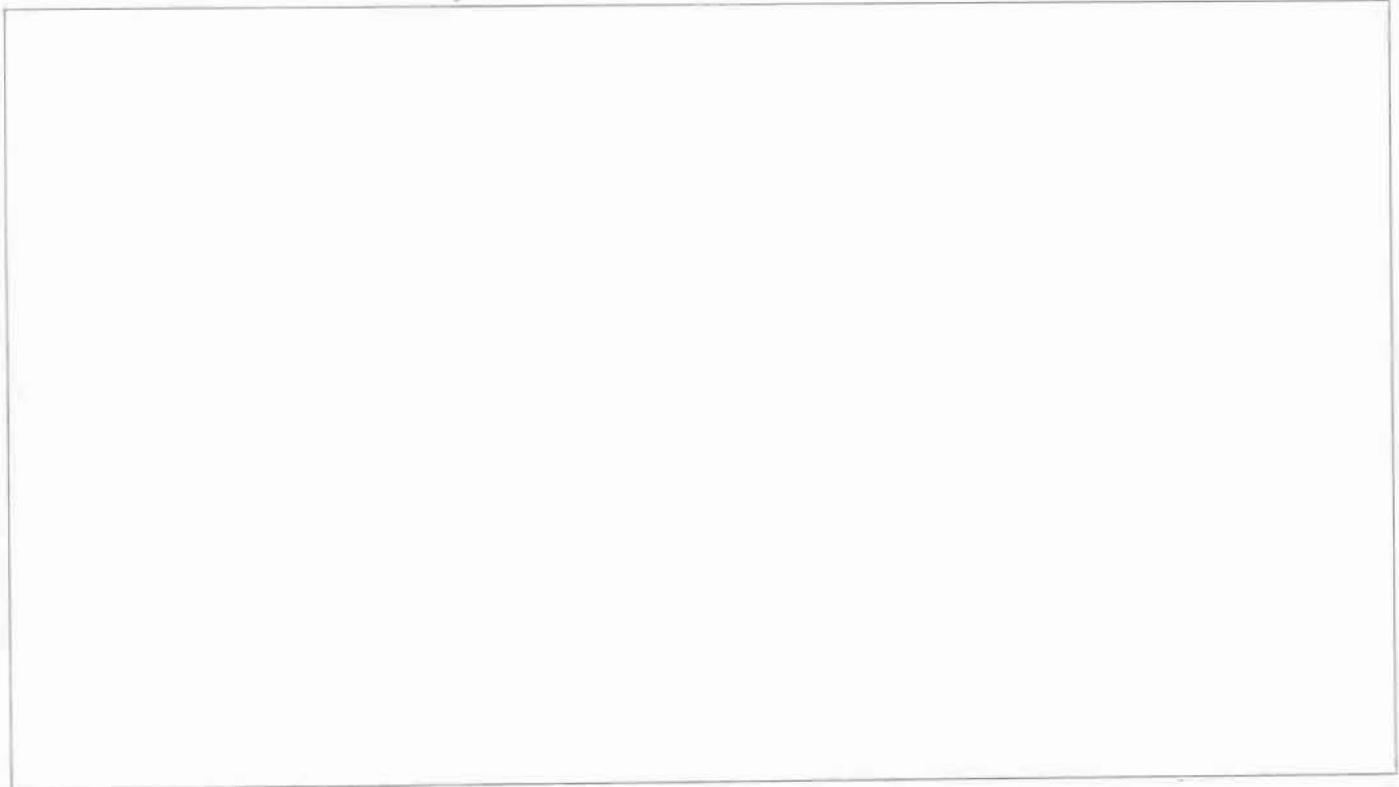
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- Jake provided a readout of yesterday's interagency meeting.



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