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J-Link Statement on Prime Minister Lapid's speech at the UN Assembly

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid offered a ray of hope for the future of the Middle East when he expressed his support for the two-state solution. Lapid stood in front of the nations of the world and called for an agreement with the Palestinians based on two states.

J-Link, an international network of progressive Jewish organizations that support Israel's right to exist in security and peace with its neighbours, welcomes the Israeli prime minister's announcement and hopes that it will mark an upward shift in relations between Israel and the Palestinians that will ultimately lead to a peace agreement that realizes the right of both nations to self-determination. For this to happen, however, words are not enough.

J-Link calls upon Prime Minister Lapid to take tangible steps to make the two-state vision a reality, beginning with an invitation to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to meet and agree on a framework for negotiations aimed at achieving a resolution of the conflict. It is our hope that such an invitation will be met with a positive response from the Palestinian side.

We urge the Israeli and Palestinian publics as well as regional and world leaders to encourage both Lapid and Abbas to build on the momentum and take the courageous and difficult steps necessary to secure peace for this and future generations.

Sincerely,

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