

on our bilateral relations, and that the CIC's view of things also finds its way to the Israeli government through the many contacts it has with Israelis.

I commend your actions to make Canadian policy better known and understood in Israel to ensure a flow of information and views in both directions. This kind of dialogue, or should I say "trialogue", is in the best tradition of the openness, frankness and cordiality which has marked the Canada-Israel relationship over the years.

It is of vital importance to us that our position on the Middle East peace process be clearly understood. In the welter of issues and events, one thing has always remained constant, and it is a fundamental point: Canada's strong commitment to Israel's existence, legitimacy, security and well-being. This is a basic element of our Middle East policy and I expect it to remain so.

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