

Formalizing the Strategic Partnership:

The Next Step in U.S.-Israel Relations

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Over the past eight years, relations between the United States and Israel have benefitted from the addition of a new and vital strategic dimension. American defense and foreign policy officials have begun to appreciate the potential for Israel's contribution to U.S. and Western interests in the Middle East as evidenced by joint projects such as anti-submarine warfare and medical evacuation exercises.

In this Policy Paper, Stuart Eizenstat explores the evolution of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation and argues for an upgrading of relations to the level of a formal strategic partnership. Mr. Eizenstat, the former chief domestic policy advisor to President Carter, suggests that the closing chapter of the Reagan administration offers an opportunity not only to firmly anchor the concept of strategic cooperation into U.S. policy but also to enshrine the U.S.-Israeli partnership in a written agreement between the two nations.

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