

For President George W. Bush

In our firm conviction that there is no future for democracy in the Middle East without a comprehensive and just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the vindication of the basic rights of the Palestinian people, collectively and individually,

We the undersigned ask the president of the United States of America to decline meeting henceforth with the current Prime Minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon, who is the symbol of all that stands against human rights, coexistence and tolerance, and the chief obstacle to peace in the region.

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