

# A Just and Durable Peace for Palestinians and Israelis

Century International's *Blueprint for a Progressive U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East*

## What's at stake:

Outrage over Israel's all-out assault on Gaza has galvanized many Americans. Yet America has continued to send unconditional military aid, while offering only outdated and vague political solutions. The United States government has failed to restrain Israel, whose reckless war conduct has dragged the United States directly into regional conflicts from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean.

## The opportunity:

The tragedy in Palestine and Israel creates an opening for the United States to make an overdue correction, and turn to a new page in its relationship with Israel. The United States can end its support for Israeli apartheid and occupation, and promote a new set of policies based on the principles of rights, justice, and freedom. A just policy promises peace and prosperity for Palestinians and Israelis—but will require bold and clear leadership.

## Executive actions:

- Push for an immediate ceasefire.
- Demand Gaza's reconstruction, and fund it.
- Support universal rights and substantive sovereignty for Palestinians.
- Secure unimpeded, full, and regular aid access to Gaza by land routes through Israel.
- Take meaningful action against settlements.
- Support a real political process that includes all Palestinian and Israeli stakeholders.
- Protect civil society, journalists, and judicial independence.
- Reopen diplomatic relations with Palestine and legalize the PLO.
- Apply relevant U.S. laws to prosecute U.S. citizens involved in alleged war crimes in Gaza.
- Stop U.S. weapons from being used for war crimes—enforce the Leahy Laws.

## Congressional actions:

- Take meaningful action against settlements.
- Legalize the PLO.
- Fund UNRWA.
- Clarify that criticism of the Israeli state is not anti-Semitism.

Read the full recommendations in Century International's ["A Blueprint for a Progressive U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East."](#)