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**Former Vice Presidents Mondale and Quayle
All past Secretaries of State join National Committee
for Israel 60**

NEW YORK, March 27, 2008... The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations announced that former Vice Presidents Walter Mondale and Dan Quayle are serving as Vice Chairmen of the National Committee for Israel 60 under Honorary Co-Chairmen former Presidents George H.W. Bush and William J. Clinton. In what may be the first time, all the past living Secretaries of State: Madeleine Albright, James Baker, Warren Christopher, Lawrence Eagleburger, Alexander Haig, Henry Kissinger, Colin Powell, and George Shultz, have also joined as Vice Chairs of the nationwide group that will oversee the celebration of Israel's historic sixtieth birthday in the U.S. Hundreds of events are being scheduled across the country including major public manifestations, missions to Israel, educational seminars, as well as other large-scale celebratory events.

Joining as Vice Chairs of the National Committee for Israel 60:

Vice President Walter Mondale
Vice President Dan Quayle

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright
Secretary of State James Baker
Secretary of State Warren Christopher
Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger
Secretary of State Alexander Haig
Secretary of State Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State Colin Powell
Secretary of State George Shultz



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“The participation of these distinguished leaders along with many members of Congress, Governors, Mayors, and leaders from every ethnic and religious group, emphasizes the relevance of the National Committee’s theme, ‘celebrating sixty years of US-Israel friendship.’ That all of the former Secretaries of State, as well as Vice Presidents Mondale and Quayle, representing a broad spectrum of political views, have agreed to serve as Vice Chairs of the National Committee underscores the unique nature of the relationship between these two great democracies. Although at times issues and even differences arise, the friendship over the past six decades has been sustained and enhanced. Today support for Israel among the American people is higher than ever.

We are most pleased that the eight living Secretaries of State and two former Vice Presidents have joined former Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton offering eloquent testimony to the depth of the special US-Israel relationship,” said Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice Chairman of the Conference.

The celebration will be officially launched on May 8, 2008, and will be marked throughout the following year.

Those undertaking events or wishing further information can go to the National Committee website, www.israel60.org.

The Conference of Presidents is the main coordinating body for 51 national Jewish organizations on issues of national and international concern.