

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR DANIEL GILLERMAN AT THE
MEETING AT CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR JEWISH
ORGANIZATIONS

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Ambassador Khalizaid of the United States Mission –There is a need for changing mandates, wants to know if the UN General Assembly intends to implement Resolution 1701. Concerned with and very concerned about what is going on in Geneva.

Harold Tanner expressed interest in the area of Human Rights in the world and what might happen in Durban 2 and the fact that the leadership included Libya, Iran, etc.

Ambassador Daniel Gillerman: We are meeting just before the 62nd Assembly of the United Nations. One of the biggest problems is to try to fight animosity towards Israel and to try to make a difference. From now on we will not just lay down and take it. “I don’t feel lonely or isolated at the UN. I walk with my head held high up high. We have contributed and continue to contribute to all mankind, not just to Israel. I believe we now have a friend on the 38th floor in Ban Ki Moon. He is a friend of Israel, he has been to Israel, and it seems he does not feel his every response has to be “balanced”. Koreans consider themselves the “Jews of Asia”.” Ambassador Gillerman thinks the heart of our new Secretary General is in the right place. For the first time in a long time the main issue confronting the UN is not going to be the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but one of the major threats to the future stability of the world, global warming.*

Another area of great concern is the Africa front, Darfur, Etc. The main quest of Iran will be Saudi Arabia and Iran’s interest in the Holy places and oil there. Unifil forces in Lebanon need to do more.

There are many issues affecting Israel right now. There should be more than just sanctions against Iran. They are working on bomb design, plutonium, etc. We need them to suspend their enrichment program. They are building additional centrifuges. They have close to 3,000 centrifuges right now. General El Baradei is reluctant to put additional pressure on them and on Lebanon. The United States wants to see Resolution 1701 implementation. They want it fully implemented. We are getting interesting feedback from other countries regarding Iran and Syria. We raise this issue in the Security Council whenever we can and we will keep doing so there and also in the General Assembly. We hope to see the General Assembly take a more positive turn than in the past. We are very wary of the President of Iran. Ambassador Gillerman said we are approaching with great caution the possibility of peace with Abbas. He stressed that we not forget the abducted soldiers and that they will not forget them in any negotiations. We are in for interesting times at the UN he feels, there is a new atmosphere.

Human Rights Council – They have produced a monster instead of a new baby. We will not participate in it. We will not only overcome, we will ultimately prevail.

Iran is a menace to the entire world. They will also make these weapons they are working on available to rogue regimes. Angela Merkel of Germany is a real friend and is the major leader in Europe today. Zarkosy is a breath of fresh air and Gillerman had positive things to say about Lafitte. Tony Blair has been a friend to Israel and Gordon Brown will continue along the same lines.

*writers note: The theme of the recent 60th Annual DPI/NGO Conference held from Sept. 5-7 was Climate Change and communicated the concern on this problem to a very wide community.

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