Israel is a regional superpower, so as far as we have the military strength and the financial levers to get away with continued expansion and settlement activities. We should not be satisfied with any less. We need to take a lead in setting the agenda, and I believe that the United States, as a Jewish State, and on us, should we take this moment of unity and solidarity, is a point that needs to be made more clearly.

Finally, the Palestinian leaders must recognize that the two-state solution is a non-starter, and that a one-state solution is the only realistic option. We need to work towards a just and lasting peace that respects the rights of both peoples. The international community must continue to play a role in this process, and we must all be committed to working towards a peaceful and prosperous future for all.

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