

Globe and Mail that Abbas did not seek to change Ottawa's close relationship with Israel, but to use its influence "for the sake of the two peoples." He noted that Canada is "eligible to play an even better role as friends of Israel."

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KEY POINTS

- Canadian support for Israel has consistently received multi-partisan endorsement on Parliament Hill for decades.
- Canada has long played a constructive role in the Middle East, particularly with regard to promoting security, fostering cooperation and developing the conditions for peace.
- Close friendship with Israel has enhanced Canada's ability to play a meaningful role in advancing peace.
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