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European Coalition for Israel
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Dear Friends,

One hundred years ago today, the principal allied powers of Europe and Asia assembled in San Remo, Italy, and declared themselves committed to “putting into effect the [Balfour] declaration . . . in favour of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people.”

That historic agreement marked the world’s embrace of the unbreakable connection of the Jewish people to the land of Israel – an enduring constant from the time of patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through the reigns of Kings David and Solomon, across the age of Jesus of Nazareth, and throughout the subsequent period of exile and dispersion.

No country has done more to honor the spirit of the Balfour Declaration and the San Remo Resolution than the United States of America. We are proud to have been the first to recognize the nascent Jewish State in 1948, only minutes after its declaration. And throughout the decades we have stood with Israel as its closest friend and partner, building between our nations a special relationship based upon shared values, joint interests, and a mutual commitment to fighting evil and making our world better.

We extend our congratulations and thanks to the European Coalition for Israel and the Forum for Cultural Diplomacy for organizing this important commemoration. The event takes on heightened significance during this time of rising anti-Semitism, much of which takes the form of hostility toward Zionism and the existence of the State of Israel.

On the 100th anniversary of the San Remo Resolution, may all of our nations resolve to honor its memory by combatting anti-Semitism throughout the world and by standing in strong support of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Pompeo". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael R. Pompeo