Today, an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement remains elusive, but that’s no excuse for inaction. Israel Policy Forum has outlined 50 steps that the United States, Israel, and the Palestinians can take to preserve conditions for a future two-state outcome.
SECURITY Steps
Ensure the safety of all Israelis while reinforcing cooperation with the Palestinians

POLITICAL Steps
Create a political horizon based on a clear commitment to two states

SOCIOECONOMIC Steps
Improve daily life in the West Bank and Gaza while building viable state institutions

1. Restore Full Funding to Palestinian Authority Security Forces
2. Crack Down on Jewish Extremism and Terrorism
3. Strengthen the Palestinian Security Sector Through the USSC
4. Reduce IDF Incursions Into Area A
5. Empower the Palestinian Authority Security Forces
6. Examine Security Arrangements in Area B
7. Complete the Security Barrier
8. Expand the USSC’s Mission
9. Demand an End to PA Martyr Payments
10. Pressure Hamas to Renounce the Use of Violence
11. Support Israeli Defensive Technologies
12. Pressure Hamas To Return Hostages
13. Tackle Illegal Outposts
14. Pressure the PA to Cease Its Authoritarian Abuses
15. Freeze the Status of E1, Givat HaMatos, Givat HaShaked, and Other Sensitive Areas in and Around Jerusalem
16. Reform Planning and Construction for Palestinians in Area C
17. Renounce Territorial Claims East of the Security Barrier
18. Redesignate Evacuated Territory in the Northern West Bank as Area B
19. Maintain the Current Footprints of Settlement Blocs
20. Adopt a New U.S. Policy on Settlements
21. Work For an Open and Transparent Palestinian Leadership Transition
22. Support Accurate Maps in Textbooks
23. Maintain UNRWA While Pursuing Deep and Meaningful Reforms
24. Develop a Strategy for Addressing Palestinian Zoning and Planning, and Halt Evictions in East Jerusalem (Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, and Walajeh)
25. Rezone Jerusalem Neighborhoods Beyond the Security Barrier
26. Safeguard Jordan’s Special Status in Jerusalem
27. Preserve the Status Quo at the Temple Mount
28. Support Jerusalem as a Future Capital of Two States
29. Give Abraham Accords States Credit for Breakthroughs
30. Create a Negev Forum Role for the Palestinians
31. Support Upgraded Infrastructure and Procedures at the Allenby Bridge
32. Upgrade Transportation Infrastructure in the West Bank, Especially in Areas That Mostly Serve Palestinians
33. Improve Water and Wastewater Infrastructure in the West Bank
34. Upgrade Telecom Infrastructure
35. Amend the Paris Protocol
36. Increase the Limit for Palestinian Bank Transfers
37. Improve Gaza’s Electricity Supply
38. Leverage Israel-Turkey Normalization to Control Hamas and Advance Projects in Gaza and the West Bank
39. Repair and Upgrade Gaza’s Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Infrastructure
40. Continue Increasing Gaza Entry Permits
41. Continue Easing Restrictions on Gaza Imports
42. Convert Gaza Economic Permits to Worker Permits
43. Develop Air and Sea Transit Infrastructure for Gaza
44. Extend Kerem Shalom Hours and Open a New Gaza Commercial Crossing Point
45. Encourage Egypt to Permanently Open the Rafah Crossing and Raise International Support for Its Upgrade
46. Build Capacity for the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act’s Lowey Fund
47. Enable MEPPA Small Grants
48. Improve Conditions in East Jerusalem
49. Embrace Opportunities for Palestinian Involvement in Abraham Accords Initiatives
50. Restore Augusta Victoria’s Tax-Exempt Status

*Steps are numbered for ease of reference. The order of appearance does not signify level of importance or urgency. Bolded steps refer to U.S.-specific policies.