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CIJA Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Reunification of Jerusalem

Ottawa, ON – Today marks the 50th anniversary of Israel securing the Old City of Jerusalem. This extraordinary turn of events took place during the Six Day War, in which the Jewish State successfully pre-empted an invasion by multiple Arab states pledging a war of annihilation. The reunification of Jerusalem is a milestone widely celebrated by Jewish communities around the world.

In honour of the anniversary, David J. Cape, Chair of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), stated:

“Today, we celebrate the return of the Jewish people to the Old City of Jerusalem, which for millennia has been home to Judaism’s holiest sites and the political capital of the Jewish people. As we reflect on the historic moment when Jerusalem was reunified, we honour the memory of Israelis who died in the Six Day War.

“For nearly two thousand years, Jews worldwide prayed and hoped for a return to Jerusalem. All Jews can be proud that, under Israeli sovereignty, Jerusalem has remained a city where freedom of religion, access to holy sites, and democratic rights are steadfastly preserved for people of all faiths. In commemorating the momentous events of 1967, we reaffirm our hope for a future of peace, coexistence, and reconciliation between Israelis, Palestinians,

and the surrounding Arab states."

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