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Dear Reader,

It is a pleasure to present to you with the fourth issue of the *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, the first number of the second volume. We have striven to publish a broad range of material with an emphasis on analysis of the most compelling current issues. In that spirit, we present two differing interpretations of the recent Annapolis summit and two opposing views on the Kosovo conundrum. We also present a discussion on the question of whether Jerusalem should be an open city. In looking at the present and to the future, we have not neglected to evaluate the past. As such, we are pleased to include retrospective articles on President Sadat's historic visit to Israel and on Israel–Vatican relations.

We are especially gratified to publish the texts of two presentations made before the Council—one by President Victor Yushchenko of Ukraine, the other by Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg of the Czech Republic. We have also endeavored to bring you reviews of important books on international affairs, and in this issue we have concentrated on presenting a critique of some of the latest literature on terror.

We continue to open our doors not just to professors, diplomats, lawyers, economists and journalists, but also to graduate students in international relations and related fields. It is our hope that in so doing, we are playing out part in nurturing the next generation.

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We wish all our readers a healthy, happy and peaceful 2008.

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