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The Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED) presents:
**Looking Forward: An Integrated Strategy for Supporting
Democracy and Human Rights in Egypt**

This is a critical moment in the U.S.-Egypt relationship. On May 26, President Mubarak will visit the White House, and President Obama will deliver a major address to the Muslim world in Egypt on June 4. Amid deteriorating conditions for human rights in Egypt and a series of regressive measures by the regime, supporters of democratic reform fear that President Obama may seek to improve relations with the Egyptian government while overlooking the rights of the Egyptian people. The upcoming visits by President Mubarak to Washington and President Obama to Cairo will be watched closely for signals as to the place of democracy and human rights in a changing U.S.-Egypt.

Given the strategic importance of Egypt as a U.S. ally and the host of other policy concerns and interests that influence U.S. policy toward the country, what are the best strategies for supporting democracy and human rights in Egypt? To help answer this difficult question, POMED is pleased to announce the publication of a new paper by Greg Aftandilian, *Looking Forward: An Integrated Approach to Supporting Democracy and Human Rights in Egypt*. In conjunction with the publication's release, Greg Aftandilian will discuss the major conclusions and recommendations from his paper along with other experts on U.S. policy toward Egypt.

Please join us for a public discussion event with:

Greg Aftandilian, Former Middle East Analyst at the Department of State and Dept of Defense, and former Foreign Policy Adviser to Senators Kennedy and Sarbanes, and Congressman Van Hollen

Neil Hicks, International Policy Advisor for Human Rights First

Tom Malinowski, Washington Advocacy Director for Human Rights Watch

Ambassador Edward S. Walker, Former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt and former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs

Moderated by **Stephen McInerney**,
Director of Advocacy, POMED

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

2:00pm - 3:30pm

U.S. Capitol, Room SVC 209

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