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AIPAC APPLAUDS OBAMA ADMINISTRATION FOR BOYCOTTING DURBAN II

Washington, D.C. — The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) strongly applauds the Obama Administration's decision to boycott the Durban II conference.

The event, which has again proven to be a celebration of racism and vile anti-Semitic activity, is further evidence of the U.N.'s inability to demonstrate any semblance of fairness or objectivity on these issues when it comes to the Jewish State.

President Obama's decision not to send U.S. representation to the April event is the right thing to do and underscores America's unstinting commitment to combating intolerance and racism in all its forms and in all settings.

We commend the President, Secretary Clinton and U.N. Ambassador Rice for this principled decision.

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