

## The Balfour Declaration

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The [Balfour Declaration](#) is the letter of November 2, 1917 from British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour to Zionist leader Baron Rothschild which expressed the British government's support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine. The Balfour Declaration was heartily welcomed by the Zionist leadership. Subsequent British policy and declarations on this issue were less supportive of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Over a hundred years later, the Balfour Declaration continues to represent the first international recognition of the establishment of a Jewish national homeland in the land of Israel.