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PARIS (Reuters) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged Europe on August 30 to throw its weight behind U.S.-led efforts to secure a peace agreement between Palestinians and Israelis.

Mubarak discussed the matter with French President Nicolas Sarkozy before heading to Washington this week for the first direct negotiations in 20 months. "The American administration needs strong backing from the European Union for the peace process to continue," he said.