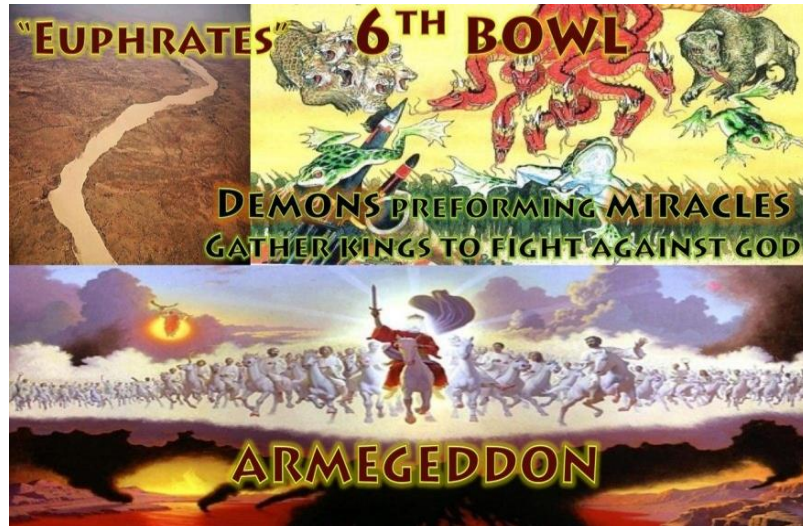


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Rev 16:12-16 the 6th Bowl “Euphrates dries up”



Rev 16:12-14 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (NKJV)

Rev 16:12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

The 4th Trumpet was a “3rd of sun moon and stars” blocked out in the region of this trumpet (*see chapter 18 Kuwait*) the 5th bowl Rev 16:10-11 was a bowl poured out on the throne of the beast (*Pergamum in Turkey representing the Muslim world*) his kingdom became dark bringing forth “blasphemy of God with darkness sores and pain” (*see chapter 24 Darkness and pain*) the 6th bowl Rev 16:12-16 is where the “Euphrates River starts drying up” (*see chapter 25 Angel dries up Euphrates*) the 5th seal Rev 6:9-11 is where the “saints are killed till the complement of martyrs is completed” (*see chapter 36 cry of the martyrs*) the 5th Trumpet Rev 9:1-21 Apollyon the destroyer, locusts and 200 million horses 3rd of men killed, the 6th Trumpet Rev 9:13-21 are the demonic “four angels released at Euphrates River to kill” this coincides with the 6th bowl (*see chapter 26 Euphrates dries up*) where you also find the Rev 13:5-7 “War against the saints” (*see chapter 35 warring against the saints*). The 4th Trumpet, 5th Trumpet, 5th bowl, , 5th seal, 6th Trumpet and 6th bowl are all interconnected, they flow from one to the other in historic fulfillment and connection these are fulfilled along the Euphrates River region.

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The biblical “**1st woe**” was the 5th Trumpet of Rev 9:1-12 with Saddam Hussein’s reign ending in Iraq, then the final withdrawal of US troops from the region in 2011 completed the 5th Trumpet under Obama (*see chapter 30 and 32*). This created a vacuum for the 6th Trumpet “**2nd woe**” loosing the four demonic angels bound at the river Euphrates (four nations border the river Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria. These four demonic angels mission is to stir up chaos and destruction to kill a third of mankind along the Euphrates River. This continues through ongoing conflicts through Islamic terrorism all the way to Armageddon with Israel being invaded as well in the same region, taking out a 3rd of men there by the time Christ returns. A region of conflict and war through Islamic terrorism (*Hezbollah, Isis see chapter 26 the 6th Trumpet*).

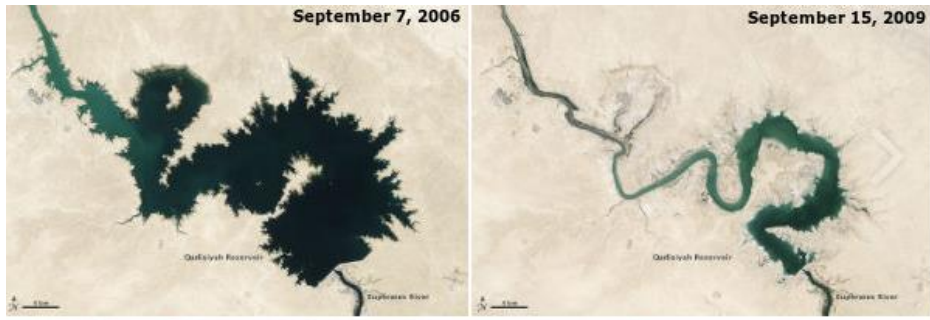
The 6th Trumpet loosed the “**warring against the saints**” under the beast from June 2013 to Jan 2017, estimates of 2.3 million Christians were destroyed or dispersed from the region with millions more refugees from Iraq and Syria alone (*see chapter 35 war against saints*) you see this in Rev 13:5-7 a beast a 42 month “**Tribulation of the saints**” (*see chapter 35 and 36*). In the 5th Seal the “martyrs of Christ” are those that are Gods throughout all of history right through until the final end times.



The Euphrates River began to dry up dramatically for the first time in thousands of years to my understanding this has never happened in all of history this came following worldwide reports in 2009 the same year President Obama came onto the world scene. This fulfillment has occurred via Turkey through Prime Minister Erdogan building several dams along the rivers sources to strangle Syria and Iraq’s water supplies an economic warfare tactic.. There are four nations that encompass the Euphrates River Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Iran in the book of revelations the 4 demonic angels that are bound along the Euphrates are loosed along this river to cause death and destruction in the region Rev 16:12-16 the 6th Trumpet “**2nd woe**”. The Euphrates River begins in Turkey it flows into Iraq and Syria ending in the Persian Gulf. The nation of Turkey has been engineering up to 22 dams stemming the flow of Euphrates River into Iraq and Syria.

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Euphrates river 2006

Euphrates river 2009



EUPHRATES RIVER DRYING UP: New York Times notes connection to Book of Revelation and the End Times



NYT caption: "A boy rested on the mud in a dried-up section of the Euphrates River near Jubaish, Iraq, in June."

See: <https://hopeofisrael.net/news/euphrates-river-drying-prophesied/>

See: <http://sdf-press.com/en/2018/02/turkey-cuts-water-supply-in-the-euphrates-river-to-syria/>

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The Iraq Gulf basin where Euphrates ends into Persian Gulf



Before 2000



2009 onwards

2009 was the same year Obama “**The beast**” of Rev 13:1-10 appeared on the world scene as US president this was no mere coincidence but a sign of the times. In the 6th bowl it states unclean spirits like frogs come out the mouth of the beast, false prophet and Dragon to deceive the world as the Euphrates dries up telling us they are on the world’s scene at that time. 2009 was also the same year that the first EU president Herman Van Rompuy an ex German Chancellor in Brussels announced “**This is the first year of the New World Order of global governance**” at the signing of the Lisbon Treaty. This was a re-birth of the Holy Roman Empire onto the world scene as a combined international force and power (*see chapter 20 Holy Roman empire re born*).

See U Tube ”FLASHBACK 2009) EU President Van Rompuy: "2009 is the First Year of Global Governance": https://youtu.be/c_o_opLd0Tw

Euphrates River drying up continues 2022 : U Tube video <https://youtu.be/pKJxi3M91kM>



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Euphrates 2021



Euphrates 2022

See U Tube “Euphrates River is drying up: <https://youtu.be/sFEV9JM8hrU>

“2009 is also the first year of global governance, with the establishment of the G20 in the middle of the financial crisis. The climate conference in Copenhagen is another step towards the global management of our planet.”

See: <https://infolution.wordpress.com/category/herman-van-rompuy/>

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Turkey suffered the first Trumpet WW1 defeat of the Old Ottoman Empire, Turkey became the wounded head of the 7 heads of the Rev 13:1-10 beast, a head speaks of authority over a kingdom region. Asia Minor Turkey is also the location of the seven churches of revelation. Turkey is the country the false prophet arises from President Erdogan. Turkey is the place of the image/statue made of the wounded head by the sword / war (WWI) the false prophet of the beast the Ottoman Empire (*see chapter 41*).

Turkey is the original location of the Pergamum alter to Zeus the “Throne of Satan” Rev 2:13 of Acropolis, this alter is now located in Berlin Germany in agreement with Turkish authorities. It was a copy of this very alter Obama had his 2009 presidential win celebrated from. The throne of the beast is where the 5th bowl poured out Rev 16:10-11 is represented, the beasts throne resided in Turkey as the head/king (*Ottoman Empire*) of the Muslim world as a Muslim nation. So the throne and its kingdom is Islam in the Asian continent (*Isis forces contracted deadly skin diseases and aids in Iraq and Syria where they warred against Gods saints these Jihadists got painful sores*).

From 2003-2009 this was an 8 year war with Iraq and the US under President George W Bush, this was the 5th Trumpet Rev 9:1-13 (*see chapter 21*). Obama then removed all troops from Iraq by 2011 as a directive from George Bush Junior this created a terrorist vacuum in the region ready for the 6th Trumpet. Through the 5th trumpet we saw major water losses recorded in Iraq because of major damage from war to water infrastructure that has not recovered .

In 2009 Turkey dammed the Euphrates River further causing greater mass water shortage causing the Euphrates river shrinkage in Iraq and Syria. Erdogan became president of Turkey in 2016 he built several new dams along the source of the Euphrates in Turkey, he dammed the river even more by 2017 cutting off further water supply to Syria and Iraq . Turkey has also built dams on the Tigris leading to greater tension for war over water. Erdogan plans to construct a further 22 dams, with protests from Iran, Syria and Iraq.

Article:

Scientists using the twin gravity-measuring satellites of the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) have found that a large portion of the Middle East lost freshwater reserves rapidly during the past decade. The research team observed the Tigris and Euphrates river basins including parts of Turkey Syria, Iraq and Iran they found that 117 million feet (144 cubic kilometers) of fresh water was lost from 2003 to 2009. That amount is roughly equivalent to the volume of the Dead Sea. About 60 percent of the loss was attributed to the pumping of groundwater from underground reservoir. The “GRACE data shows an alarming rate of decrease in total water storage in the Tigris and Euphrates river basins, which currently have the second fastest rate of groundwater storage loss on Earth, after India”.

See: <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=80613>

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The Arab spring uprising following the 5th Trumpet 2003-2009 began in 2010 (*Empowered by Obama “The Beast” from 2009 using military, political and social media the US partnered with Turkey, the US secretly supplied funds Islamist army training and weapons in the region*) again wars broke out in Syria and Iraq with Islamic militants wanting to set up an Islamic caliphate state along the old Ottoman Empire boundaries.

(The healing of the wounded head of “The beast” of the old Islamic Ottoman Empire, that the world marvels about. This wound came from the 1st world war the first Trumpet after 600 yrs of Muslim kingdom rule in the region the Ottoman Empire was defeated 1914-1918, WW1 the 1st Trumpet).

It was in June 2013 that Muslims rose up on the world scene as Lebanon sent in 2000 Hezbollah troops into the Syrian conflict, then by Jan – Feb 2014 Isis came into Iraq from Syria a fighting force in the Middle East to try to re-establish the original Ottoman Empire boundaries (*The healing of the “Beasts” head wounded and the world marvels at its recovery*). Obama advanced Islam’s cause through CIA operations,

US decisions and foreign policy pushed through from the Clinton and Bush era policy. By 2015 Isis terrorists in the Middle East started shutting the gates of the Iraq Mosul dam, further stemming the flow of the Euphrates River to enable their fighters to cross back and forth over the Euphrates to fight. The intent of these terrorists is to re establish the Old Ottoman Empire boundaries once conquered lands are taken by Islam it is a Muslim belief they are Islam’s for ever always conquered.

See: <http://rt.com/news/265396-islamic-state-iraq-dam/>

See: <https://levantreport.com/2015/05/19/2012-defense-intelligence-agency-document-west-will-facilitate-rise-of-islamic-state-in-order-to-isolate-the-syrian-regime/>

See: <http://www.m2voice.com/declassified-documents-obama-ordered-cia-train-isis/>



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The nations of the world are once again being drawn into conflict and war in the Middle East de stabilizing the region with Islam, (*NWO, WW 3 beginnings*). From 2013 onwards with ongoing war and conflict in the region of the Middle East one third of man is to be killed (*The warring against the saints Rev 13, Dan 7:25 started mid 2013, Hezbollah entered into Syrian conflict doubling Christian martyrs to 160'000 in one year*).

The Rev 6:7-8, 4th Seal covers one fourth of the Earth it sates with wide spread death, with the spirit of death and hell. The Middle East itself is only around 8% of the worlds geographical land mass “9 million sq km” the worlds entire land mass is “148.94 million sq km”. So the 4th Seal one fourth area includes other nations in that region such as North Africa, Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Iran and Iraq that are caught up in this prophecy conflict. The continent of Asia which includes the Middle East is one fourth of the Earths geographical land mass (*Islam has 1.7 billion followers worldwide*) all these nations and their land mass are involved in end times prophecy.

This building conflicts and war to come will play out between superpowers that represent both the king of the north (*The beast and World Banking elites*) and the king of the south (*Russia Brics banks, Turkey and Iran*) as found in Daniel 11:21-45 (*see chapter 16 Daniel 11*). The Middle East de-stabilization of eastern nations is a battle of super powers between Russia and the USA to try to force Russia out of the region as it partners with China, Syria, Iran and Egypt this is a war between the New World Order nations. The Brics bank nations such as Russia and China are a new economic power from 2009, forming independence from the US backed dollar and Petro dollar oil prices a shift in world economics.

See: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BRICS>

The Ukraine is also a chest piece of Russia, against the New World Order takeover of world economics and politics, as the Ukraine is a UN member under NATO and its protection. The UN is the New World Order headquarters to control nations along with the EU. A game of geo political military and economic chess is being played out between superpowers for world dominion and power. The economic 10 horns of Rev 17:12-14 are the same 10 horns of Rev 13:1 (*see chapter 30 the 7 heads ten horns ten crowns*) that now have the TPPA ten nation economic crowns negotiated solely by Obama the beast, taking their economic power for the Dragon corporate elites (*see chapter 30*).

So in the Middle East the Rev 16:12-16, 6th bowl manifesting through the “**Euphrates drying up**” tells us the Rev 13 “**beast from the sea**” Obama and the “**beast from the land**” Erdogan the false prophet are on the world scene with “**deceiving unclean frog spirits coming out their mouths**” deceiving nations with their lies and corruption as we see big time in the USA with the democrats against Trump being exposed. At the same time “**four demonic angels are released along the Euphrates to kill with war**” as found in the 6th Trumpet Rev 9:13-21. This is where you also find the “**three horns ripped up**” of Dan 7:8 (*leaders of nations in Yemen/Ethiopia, Egypt, Libya*) through the 2011 Arab Spring (*see chapter 32 Antichrist beast fulfilled prophecies*) and as mentioned the “**war against the saints**” Rev 13:5-7 manifesting as well.

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The first map green equals the current Middle East land mass boundaries as of 2014 the second map is Islamic nations surrounding Israel, the red dot in the middle is Israel that apparently occupies Islamic land and threatens the whole Islamic world. The Kings of the east will come against Israel in the 6th Bowl there are many of them as in the 1948 and 1967 six day war.

Rev 16:13-15 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs (*Deceiving demons*) come out of the mouth of the dragon (*The Illuminati world banking cartel/cabal the financial masters*), and out of the mouth of the beast (*Obama 44th USA president a Muslim the “Seat of the Beast” with Muslim brotherhood ties*), and out of the mouth of the false prophet (*President Erdogan of Turkey a Muslim who sees himself as the modern Islamic Caliph “king of Islam” wanting the caliphate and revival of the Old Ottoman Empire power, he is of Muslim brotherhood*).

For they are the spirits of devils, (*since 2009 these specific unclean lying demonic frog spirits came accelerating the times releasing greater deception and lies, corruption, false media, Elite New World Order agenda, demonic influence over people and nations for example all the contention, lies and false media bias as seen in the US since Trump became President*)

working miracles, which go forth unto the kings (*world leaders, UN, EU, OIC, Islamic immigration agendas to bring chaos to western nations*) **of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle** (*WW 3 in the Middle East region against Israel the centre of the Earth the Kingdom of the beast manifesting*) **of that great day of God Almighty** (*Armageddon battle or war against Israel Zach 14:2, Ez 38 and 39, Rev 11:1-2, Rev 16:16 at the end of the tribulation period*). **Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame (NKJV).**

Obama as president of the US the first beast of Rev 13:1-10, had Muslim Brotherhood ties in the White House for 8 years as president. He is still determined to push his agenda against Israel “Gog of Magog, Ezekiel 38, 39 war” to divide the land of Israel into a two state solution. In 2015 Obama made a nuclear deal with Iran Israel’s arch enemy turning his back on Israel dividing political and military loyalties.

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The Vatican also recognized Palestine on June 26th 2015 as an official state nation switching it from the Palestinian Liberation Organization to recognizing it as a nation the nation of Palestine. This is all directly going against Israel as a nation, the Palestine president then met with Pope Francis 2nd.

The US Supreme Court in 2015 agreed with Obama about Jerusalem not being a part of Israel upholding a two state solution, they want to internationalize Jerusalem. Obama believes a two state solution of Israel is vital (Muslims believe Jerusalem is their Holy city) this division would make it impossible for Israel to defend herself from Muslim attack and Obama knows it “a division for gain” for Islamic ideals and international community agendas in the region. Obama was pushing this as a solution with the international community.

President Obama headed up negotiations to divide Israel along with the UN, EU and Pope Francis 2nd of the Vatican in 2016. The United Nations assembly voted on November 29th 2016 with 153 nations to 7 against with 8 abstentions, 153 signed up saying “YES” to divide Jerusalem, Israel and the Golan heights back to the 1967 borders.

One third of the UN is made up of Islamic nations giving an influential voice of the Antichrist religion Islam against Israel. Truly we are in the end of days leading to the return of Christ. Ezekiel 38 & 39 speaks of this gathering of multitudes and nations against Israel by Gog of Magog we now know as the “man of sin “antichrist figure ”Obama” of the Muslim brotherhood.

Obama then set up the 2334 resolution against Israel in Dec 2016 this UN resolution has set a modern precedent a platform for the nations now to build pressure over the next few years politically to come against Israel. Then Trump came in on Jan 2017 he recognized Jerusalem at Israel’s capital against Muslim outcries and the Golan heights in 2019. All of this is According to Bible prophecy God puts the hooks in the jaws of His enemies drawing them up against Israel Ez 38 and 39.

The kings of the east pathway is cleared in the 6th bowl to come against Israel, Islamic nations are all named in Ez 38 and 39 in the region with Turkey being a leader nation of influence over Islam and Muslims under the false prophet Erdogan with his Ottoman styled palace of political and religious power. NATO forces may be also employed for this and possibly the Global police force called the “Strong Cities Network” whom Obama set up with Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch announced on Sept 29th 2015, 50 nations signed up armed forces for this network that could be used in Armageddon as well.

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon (Valley of Jehoshaphat in Israel). *(On Friday December 23rd 2016, Obama sets up through deceptive inaction the UN resolution for the Armageddon war platform; the United Nations voted 14-0 for “Resolution 2334” against Israel to establish a Palestinian state that condemns Israeli settlements they want Israel to go back to the 1967 borders. There will be no peace treaty between Israel and Palestine but only conflict and war.*

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Unanimous: The Security Council vote passed Friday with a 14-0 vote. The US declined to veto it, breaking a long-held protection of its Middle East ally.

See: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4065924/Israel-accuses-Barack-Obama-creating-promoting-resolution-denounced-West-Bank-settlement-operations.html>

This truly reveals the antichrist agenda of Obama he's doing what he can in his last 20 days in office to disrupt and cause tensions to try and “change times and seasons” Dan 7:25. Under Obama's direction the USA abstained from voting usually they veto such bills against Israel, this time they stood idly by Obama refused to vote. The US has always vetoed these UN bills against Israel's division for the last 36 years.

Egypt reneged through pressure from President elect Trump then four other nations rose up objecting Egypt's withdrawal to vote the resolution through they were New Zealand, Malaysia, Venezuela and Senegal (*2 are Muslim one is very poor*). New Zealand led the way also being a current member of the UN Security Council, interestingly John Kerry Obama's US secretary of state secretly visited New Zealand for a private meeting with Prime minister John Keys one month prior to this UN resolution vote.

It will become virtually impossible to reverse the veto due to votes not being there and Russia and China's veto powers to stop it, this will become a permanent resolution and platform for war against Israel to be raised up. The Ezekiel 38-39 war is coming and leads to Armageddon (Rev 9:13-21 6th Trumpet & Rev 16:12-16 Battle of Armageddon) that Gog of Magog leads (*Gog is the Antichrist Obama*).

See: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/full-text-of-unscc-resolution-approved-dec-23-demanding-israel-stop-all-settlement-activity/>

The democrats then in 2020 steal the USA elections with proven voter fraud, Trump actually won by a land slide. Obama with CIA director Brennan who's also a said Muslim created project

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Hammer and scorecard to steal election votes to alter USA elections in their favor. This was done live in front of the entire world Obama's deceptive ways were at work like a shadow government in operation to deceive and corrupt America for the New World order socialist agenda, unclean frog spirits running rampant from the 6th Bowl. In this writer's opinion Biden is a Manchurian candidate for Obama the beast to have a third term as Obama had stated several times before Trump took over in 2017 against all odds.

Obama has been filmed saying he didn't mind being in the shadows telling an elected president what to do via ear buds. Obama is very active through antichrist deception and his agenda to have his way in the USA and the nations even though he is no longer president; he has had many meetings with world leaders actively involved since Jan 2017 behind Trump's back.

Obama has endorsed democratic presidential candidates for election being heavenly involved there as well most ex-presidents keep a low profile not Obama. The end time's beast will come against Israel with the false prophet as prophecy states bringing about the end of days as Obama once said Michelle Bachman once said about him.

See video Obama admits to wanting to control from behind the scenes through a presidential candidate: Welcome to the swamp: <https://youtu.be/qqAenUe5ylg>

See video Obama says he could have beat Trump in a third term: https://youtu.be/mw_YSvqVyi4

(out of the mouth reveals intents of the heart in 2020 it happened a stolen election by democrats)

See video from April 2015: Obama, Michele Bachmann actually predicted that I would bring about the biblical end of days: <https://youtu.be/9i8Gtg88ABE>

(Michelle Bachman was a presidential candidate and served on USA intelligence committee).

See video from April 2015: Michele Bachmann Grateful Obama Bringing About End Times: <https://youtu.be/CmBtAUQWsQo>

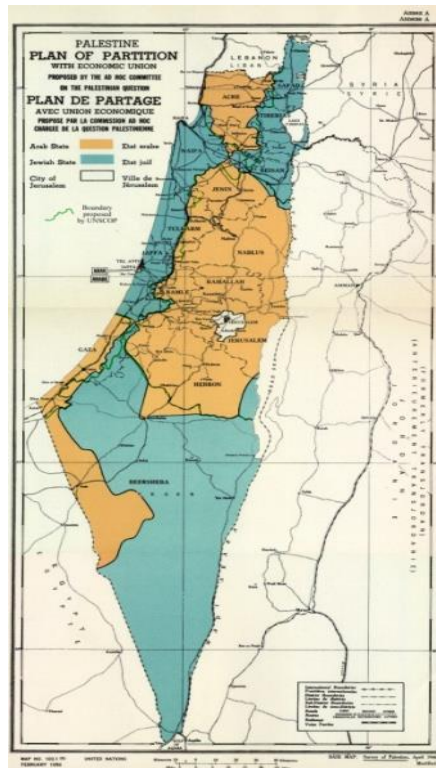
Joel 3:2-3 "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land. They have cast lots for My people, Have given a boy as payment for a harlot, And sold a girl for wine, that they may drink". (NKJV)

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See following articles:

A map of the UN plan of partition and a four part document since November 29th 1947 has always existed.



Brown is Arab and Blue is Israel as the 1947 UN proposal

*The **United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine** was a proposal by the United Nations, which recommended a partition of Mandatory Palestine at the end of the British Mandate. On 29 November 1947, the UN General Assembly adopted the Plan as Resolution 181(II).*

The resolution recommended the creation of independent Arab and Jewish States and a Special International Regime for the city of Jerusalem. The Partition Plan, a four-part document attached to the resolution, provided for the termination of the Mandate, the progressive withdrawal of British armed forces and the delineation of boundaries between the two States and Jerusalem. Part I of the Plan stipulated that the Mandate would be terminated as soon as possible and the United Kingdom would withdraw no later than 1 August 1948. The new states would come into existence two months after the withdrawal, but no later than 1 October 1948.

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The Plan sought to address the conflicting objectives and claims of two competing movements, Palestinian nationalism and Jewish nationalism, or Zionism. The Plan also called for Economic Union between the proposed states, and for the protection of religious and minority rights. The Plan was accepted by the Jewish Agency for Palestine, despite its perceived limitations. Arab leaders and governments rejected it and indicated an unwillingness to accept any form of territorial division, arguing that it violated the principles of national self-determination in the UN Charter which granted people the right to decide their own destiny. Immediately after adoption of the Resolution by the General Assembly, a civil war broke out and the plan was not implemented.

See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Partition_Plan_for_Palestine

UN Votes to Divide Israel, Jerusalem, and Golan Heights



un-israel-jerusalem-palestine

Author: Paul Lehr

Joel 3:2 I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land..Israel...and they have divided up My land. (NKJV)

In this 6th bowl the Kings of the east are prepared their way is prepared before them this is world events happening that prepares the way for war with Israel in the end times. This has been taking place in reality since 9/11 in 2001 then Iraq invasion 2003 the 5th Trumpet ect, stirring up Islamic unity to come against Israel an ancient old hatred by Islam of Israel to destroy her.

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You have Obama the beast and Erdogan of Turkey the false prophet in the mix involved in all this stirring as well. Turkey, Iran and Palestine all Muslim nations supporting terrorism in the Middle East are all working together against Israel and leaders of these three nations have all declared in recent times they desire to invade Israel with their armies to wipe it off the map.

Article:

November 29, 2016: The International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was observed by the United Nations each year. This is the anniversary of the General Assembly’s 1947 adoption of the United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine.

December 1, 2016: The United Nations (UN) has passed six resolutions regarding Israel, the city of Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, and Palestine. Only six countries voted against the passage of these resolutions. They include: Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, the United States, and Israel. Six countries (Australia, Cameroon, Honduras, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Tonga, and Vanuatu) abstained in voting. And the rest of the world voted for the passage of the resolutions.

The focus of the post is on three of the resolutions regarding Israel, Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights.

Israel: The UN indicated Israel “immediately cease all such illegal and unilateral measures” and “a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of the City of Jerusalem should take into account the legitimate concerns of both the Palestinian and Israeli sides.” In other words, stop building settlements in the west bank area.

Jerusalem: The UN stated actions taken by Israel, “the occupying Power,” to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem “were illegal and therefore null and void and had no validity whatsoever”. Translation, the Jewish nation has no legal authority in their capital.

Golan Heights: The UN referred to the region as “Syrian Golan”. The UN believes the Golan Heights region should be handed over to Syria and the Assad regime. Language of the resolution stated, “Israel withdraw from all the occupied territory to the line of June 4, 1967 and called on all parties concerned to exert the necessary efforts to ensure the resumption of the peace process.”

Because a majority of the nations voted for these resolutions, this is “a reflection of the longstanding international consensus in favor of achieving a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine,” and “a clear reaffirmation of the international community’s consensus on the two-State solution.” President Mahmoud President Abbas of Palestine has made one item very clear. He wants the UN to make it happen.

See:<http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/UN-General-Assembly-supports-resolution-ignoring-Jewish-ties-to-the-Temple-Mount-474107>

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See: <http://www.jewishpress.com/news/breaking-news/stunning-world-un-passes-6-resolutions-confirming-everything-is-israels-fault/2016/12/01/>

See: <http://www.vanguardngr.com/2016/12/gaza-abbas-wants-israel-dares-un/>

Zechariah 2:8-9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, “After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.” *(NKJV)*

Israel is **the apple of His eye**. The apple is also known as the pupil of the eye. The pupil is a vulnerable and important part of the body. Israel is more valuable to God than any other nation. The country is His favorite nation His birth place as the Messiah, God’s people are priceless. Don’t mess with Israel or see consequences. God will slap you around and it is going to hurt.

See: <https://paulthepoke.com/2016/12/01/trend-update-un-votes-to-divide-israel-jerusalem-and-golan-heights-december-2016/>

See: <http://godinanutshell.com/2016/12/02/un-votes-to-divide-israel-jerusalem-and-golan-heights/>

God Himself states Israel in the last days will become a heavy stone stone to all who try to remove it.

Zec 12:3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. *(NKJV)*

UN Passes 6 Resolutions Confirming Everything Is Israel’s Fault

By: David Israel **Published:** December 1st, 2016



A view of the Dome of the Rock in the Old City of Jerusalem.
Photo Credit: Sebi Berens/Flash90

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The UN General Assembly on Wednesday adopted six resolutions on “Palestinian and Middle East issues,” ranging from Jerusalem to the United Nations special information program on the question of Palestine. The good news is that Israel still has a smattering of friends at the UN: Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, and the United States (and Israel, of course) voted against; Australia, Cameroon, Honduras, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Tonga, and Vanuatu abstained. The rest, 153 world nations that include places where you plan to spend your vacation this summer or buy your car, condemned Israel as being responsible for most of the ills of the planet, especially the Middle East.

For instance, Haya al-Duraie, representing Kuwait which in 1991 expelled 400,000 Palestinians into the desert, expressed support for international efforts that were laying the foundation for security and stability in the region. “However,” the ambassador warned, “the faltering peace process continues to present a danger to the Middle East.”

There you have it.

The UN press release on the assembly votes, includes a section dealing with the “Situation in the Middle East.” One would expect this section to deal with the 500,000 Syrians who died and millions who were uprooted in the past six years; with the war between Shiites and Sunnis in Iraq; with Iran’s nuclear threat and its region-wide terrorism; with Egypt’s paralyzing poverty; perhaps with the discriminatory policies of Saudi Arabia. Alas, one would be wrong. According to the UN General Assembly, there are two main issues threatening stability and peace in the Middle East: Israel’s “occupation” of Jerusalem and Israel’s refusal to hand over the Golan Heights to the Assad Regime.

On Jerusalem, the draft resolution called for “respect for the historic status quo at the holy places of Jerusalem,” and in the spirit of respect referred to the focal area of contention only by its Arabic name, “Haram al-Sharif.” The Assembly reiterated its determination that any actions taken by Israel, “the occupying Power,” to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem “were illegal and therefore null and void and had no validity whatsoever” – note the double invalidation. It also called on Israel to “immediately cease all such illegal and unilateral measures” and stressed that “a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of the City of Jerusalem should take into account the legitimate concerns of both the Palestinian and Israeli sides.”

At least they called it “Jerusalem” and not Al Quds. One point for the home team.

In its resolution on the “Syrian Golan” the Assembly, in the middle of a raging war between the murderous Assad regime that slaughters its own citizens and ISIS and Al Qaeda affiliates who murder everyone else, demanded that “Israel withdraw from all the occupied territory to the line of 4 June 1967 and called on all parties concerned to exert the necessary efforts to ensure the resumption of the peace process.” It should be noted that this example of raging idiocy received only 103 votes in favor, to 6 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States), with 56 abstentions.

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The Permanent Observer of Palestine – who could become the Palestinian Authority’s UN Envoy, should the Obama Administration pull a fast one (so far so good, though) – said the adoption of the six resolutions by an overwhelming majority of United Nations Member States was “a reflection of the longstanding international consensus in favor of achieving a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine,” and “a clear reaffirmation of the international community’s consensus on the two-State solution.”

He then added that “the despair and hopelessness of the Palestinian people is increasing as the fiftieth year of the illegal Israeli occupation approached.”

See you in fifty years?

The representative of Israel said the resolutions had not only failed to promote dialogue or build trust, they had also created an organizational infrastructure that had abused funding to allow anti-Israel activities to take place under the auspices of the United Nations.

She argued that supporting the resolutions and the inherent bias against Israel would not advance the cause of peace, but instead make peace harder to achieve. The “Special Information Program on the Question of Palestine” offers a misleading narrative of the region and circulates prejudiced materials under the banner of the United Nations, undermining the organization’s integrity and impartiality. It was baffling how the United Nations, which continued to face a severe budgetary deficit, had spent approximately \$6.5 million a year on bodies that were dedicated solely to promoting the Palestinian narrative.

Loved the part about the resolutions “undermining the organization’s integrity and impartiality.” Who says Israeli diplomats have no sense of humor?

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Urging Concerted Action to Revive Peace Talks, General Assembly Adopts Six Resolutions on Question of Palestine, Situation in Middle East

The General Assembly today adopted six resolutions on Palestinian and Middle East issues, ranging from Jerusalem to the United Nations special information programme on the question of Palestine.

The Assembly adopted a resolution on the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine (document A/71/L.21) by a recorded vote of 153 in favour to 7 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 7 abstentions (Australia, Cameroon, Honduras, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Tonga, Vanuatu). By the terms of the resolution, the Assembly called for the intensification of efforts by the parties, including through negotiations, with the support of the international community, towards the conclusion of a final peace settlement.

The Assembly also adopted a resolution on Jerusalem (document A/71/L.22) by a recorded vote of 149 in favour to 7 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 8 abstentions (Australia, Cameroon, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Vanuatu). By its terms, the Assembly reiterated its determination that any actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem were illegal and therefore null and void and had no validity whatsoever, and called upon Israel to immediately cease all such illegal and unilateral measures. The Assembly also stressed that a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of the City of Jerusalem should take into account the legitimate concerns of both the Palestinian and Israeli sides.

By the terms of a resolution on the Syrian Golan (document A/71/L.8), the Assembly demanded that Israel withdraw from all the occupied territory to the line of 4 June 1967 and called on all parties concerned to exert the necessary efforts to ensure the resumption of the peace process. That resolution received 103 in favour to 6 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States), with 56 abstentions.

In adopting a resolution on the Special Information Programme on the Question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat (document A/71/L.20), the Assembly renewed the Department's mandate. It also requested the Department to disseminate information on all activities relating to the question of Palestine and peace efforts and to organize and promote fact-finding news missions for journalists to the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem, and Israel. That text garnered 153 votes in favour to 7 against (Australia, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States), with 7 abstentions (Cameroon, Honduras, Nauru, Paraguay, Togo, Tonga, Vanuatu).

The Assembly also adopted a resolution on the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/71/L.18), as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 100 in favour to 9 against (Australia, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Israel,

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Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 55 abstentions, and a resolution on the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat (document A/71/L.19), with 98 in favour to 9 against (Australia, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 57 abstentions.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine said the adoption of the six resolutions by an overwhelming majority of United Nations Member States was a reflection of the longstanding international consensus in favour of achieving a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine. It was also a clear reaffirmation of the international community’s consensus on the two-State solution, which was now in grave peril due to Israel’s actions. The despair and hopelessness of the Palestinian people was increasing as the fiftieth year of the illegal Israeli occupation approached, he said.

The representative of Israel said the resolutions had not only failed to promote dialogue or build trust, they had also created an organizational infrastructure that had abused funding to allow anti-Israel activities to take place under the auspices of the United Nations. Supporting the resolutions and the inherent bias against Israel would not advance the cause of peace, but instead make peace harder to achieve. The Special Information Programme on the Question of Palestine offered a misleading narrative of the region and circulated prejudiced materials under the banner of the United Nations, undermining the Organization’s integrity and impartiality. It was baffling how the United Nations, which continued to face a severe budgetary deficit, had spent approximately \$6.5 million a year on bodies that were dedicated solely to promoting the Palestinian narrative, she said.

Before taking action on the drafts, the Assembly concluded its debate on the question of Palestine and on the situation in the Middle East. During both discussions, several delegations stressed the importance of breaking the impasse, with the representative of Norway pointing to recent progress and urging more cooperation. Both sides, she said, had made developments on key infrastructure projects in Gaza. While progress on the economic side was no substitute for a political solution, promoting and protecting economic advancements on the Palestinian side remained vital to the peace process.

Egypt’s delegate said that Israeli settlements were not just an obstacle to peace, but the crux of the problem. Even Israeli voices, aware that the occupation was impossible to continue, were against the imposition of status quo policies and were aware that one people could not live at the expense of another. While Egypt and Arabs as a whole would continue to cooperate to move forward the peace process in the region, the international community’s will and Israel’s cooperation remained critical.

The Assembly also had before it two reports of the Secretary-General titled “The situation in the Middle East” (document A/71/328) and “Peaceful Settlement of the question of Palestine” (document A/71/359).

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Speaking today were the representatives of Bahrain, Pakistan, Oman, Ecuador, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, China, Morocco, Bangladesh, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Libya, Algeria, Syria, Kuwait, Russian Federation, Maldives, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Slovakia (on behalf of the European Union), Paraguay, Brazil (also for Argentina) and United States.

The General Assembly will reconvene at 10 a.m. Tuesday, 6 December to discuss the Secretary-General’s report on sport for development and peace, and investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him.

Question of Palestine

HAYFA ALI AHMED MATAR (Bahrain), recalling that the King of Bahrain had recently sent a letter of solidarity to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, said her country had always worked with the international community in support of the establishment of a sovereign State of Palestine. Expressing support for all peace efforts, including the Arab Peace Initiative - which called for the full withdrawal of Israel from all Arab territories occupied since 1967 – she said the Committee’s annual report reflected the “outrageous” deteriorating situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories resulting from Israel’s annexation policies and its building of a wall in East Jerusalem.

Commending the Committee’s recent awareness-raising initiatives and expressing appreciation for the work of the United Nations Department of Public Information and the Division for Palestinian Rights, she reiterated Bahrain’s support for efforts promoting a just, lasting peace in a manner that would meet the Palestinian people’s aspirations and ensure their return to their homeland.

MALEEHA LODHI (Pakistan) said that a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was essential to achieving peace and stability in the Middle East as well as to addressing some of the drivers of extremism and terrorism. “It is this conflict that has contributed most significantly to the anger and frustration in the Arab and Islamic world,” she said. The continuing expansion of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian lands, the blockade of Gaza and other provocations represented real and present obstacles to a two-State solution.

Despite countless United Nations resolutions, nothing had been able to transform that grim reality, she said, emphasizing that “renewed demands for recognition of the State of Palestine are a clarion call that must be heeded”. Inaction on the Security Council’s part undermined its own credibility and weakened the ideals espoused by the United Nations, and in that regard, resuming negotiations was the only way forward. The Council must live up to its obligations and responsibilities, and summon the political courage and vision to adopt a resolution containing parameters and timelines for ending the occupation, he/she stressed.

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KHALIFA BIN ALI ISSA AL-HARTHY (Oman) said illegal practices by Israeli forces in terms of settlements and other violations of international law continued to flagrantly infringe on the human rights of the Palestinian people. He urged the international community, particularly the Security Council, to compel Israel to stop its practices and resume negotiations to end the occupation of Palestinian territories and withdraw from the Syrian Golan. Peace and stability could only be achieved through dialogue, he added, calling for serious negotiations that would maintain the right of all sides to live peacefully in two countries side by side.

HORACIO SEVILLA BORJA (Ecuador), noting that after the 1948 war more than half of all Palestinians had been forced to flee or had been expelled from their land, said the increased number of displaced Palestinians today was tragic. Their situation had deteriorated as they had continued to be deprived of their most basic rights. The lack of effective action by the Security Council and the indifference of the powers directly involved had allowed Israel to create and practice unilateral policies, he said, emphasizing the suffering that had been caused by the Gaza blockade.

The Security Council could no longer ignore that, must fulfil its responsibility and stop remaining silent. He urged Israel to respect international law and the opinion of the international community, which had year after year called for an end to its policies. The question of Palestine was primarily a political one requiring a political settlement, he said, expressing support for recent proposals by France, Egypt and the Russian Federation to move forward the peace process.

MAYTHONG THAMMAVONGSA (Lao People’s Democratic Republic) said that unfortunately the Palestinian people still had no glimmer of hope to realize their right to self-determination and the international community must take bold steps to create favourable conditions to restart negotiations. At the current rate, efforts to address the humanitarian needs and rebuild homes were insufficient due to the Gaza blockade, he said, urging the international community to provide support to expedite the reconstruction process.

The continued illegal settlement activities and destruction of property, homes and economic institutions had led to a further deterioration of the situation. Settlements constituted a breach of international law and remained an impediment to the peace process. It was critical to find a lasting solution to the question of Palestine on the basis of United Nations resolutions and the Quartet road map that envisaged a sovereign, independent State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital. The more widespread the recognition of the State of Palestine, the more positive the contribution would be to expedite a peaceful solution.

JAMAL JAMA AHMED ABDULLA AL MUSHARAKH (United Arab Emirates) expressed concern over the deteriorating situation, escalating violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the absence of a solution to the longstanding question of Palestine. The tragic situation had persisted for 70 years and would continue as long as Israel continued its policies of demolition, forced displacement and excessive force. The Gaza embargo and illegal settlement activities disregarded all international calls to the contrary.

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Israeli settlers continued to practice violence against the Palestinian people, while the Government continued to exploit Palestinian natural resources and take illegal measures to change the character of Jerusalem. Strongly condemning such oppressive policies and calling on Israel to end them, he warned against continuing the occupation, which threatened the region’s security and stability and “played into the hands of terrorists and extremist groups”. The international community must compel Israel to cease its illegal activities, he said, stressing that the Security Council must pursue all measures to salvage the two-State solution.

MOHAMED ALI ALHAKIM (Iraq) said the annual International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People had reflected and renewed the international community’s permanent responsibility on the question of Palestine. It also emphasized the need to end the unjust occupation and to establish a sovereign Palestinian State. Iraq had long supported that goal and remained extremely concerned about the continued suffering of the Palestinian people.

Noting that Israel’s continued attacks had killed civilians and destroyed homes, infrastructure and holy places, and that its expansionist settlement policies had perpetuated the suffering of a people that had lost every hope, he said a just and lasting peace would only be possible through the establishment of an independent, Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as its capital. In that regard, he called on all Member States that had not yet done so – including European nations – to recognize the State of Palestine without delay and to create a “united front” to help the Palestinian people combat the negative consequences of the Israeli occupation.

AHMED ELSHANDAWILY (Egypt) said the Israeli occupation of Palestine was entering its fiftieth year, fuelling the longest and most dangerous conflict in the Middle East. The international community had always promoted the Palestinian cause on the basis of resolutions, with both Palestinian and Israeli aspirations in mind. However, settlements had continued on Palestinian territories and maintaining the status quo was contrary to the principles of the United Nations.

Holding meetings and adopting resolutions in the Security Council was a testament that Arabs and Palestinians continued to choose a path to peace, yet, some Member States had continued to delay resolving the Palestinian question. Israeli settlements were not just an obstacle to peace, but the crux of the problem. Israeli voices, aware that the occupation was impossible to continue, were against the imposition of status quo policies and that one people could not live at the expense of another. While Egypt and Arabs as a whole would continue to cooperate to move forward the peace process in the region, the international community’s will and Israel’s cooperation remained critical.

ABEER DAVISH (Saudi Arabia) said the Palestinian people were still deprived of their rights to self-determination and to live in dignity. Israel continued its violations of international law, settlement activities and breaching the sanctity of holy places. The international community had a responsibility to dissuade Israel from carrying out those actions, which had hampered negotiations and the peace process. Peace depended entirely on the complete and final withdrawal from Occupied Palestinian Territories. Saudi Arabia supported a peace process, she

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said, expressing support for the establishment of a Palestinian State based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital and the preservation of the Arab nature of those areas.

SHEIKH AHMAD MOHAMED AL-THANI (Qatar), noting that the Middle East was currently facing a number of serious challenges, said the region attached great importance to achieving a just and lasting solution to the question of Palestine. He commended the Committee’s initiative to proclaim 2017 as the international year of ending the Israeli occupation, based on realistic and legal justifications to defuse tensions between the two parties. The international community should move to compel Israel to cease its illegal activities and withdraw to pre-1967 borders.

Emphasizing that the escalating violence on the ground was a result of the occupying Power’s excessive use of force and the crimes that had been committed by Israeli settlers, he underscored the need to provide international protection to the Palestinian people and to enforce all relevant United Nations resolutions. As Israel’s policies were hampering the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, there was also a need to establish a comprehensive, evidence-based mechanism to determine the economic losses that had resulted from the occupation.

WU HAITAO (China), stressing that resolving the question of Palestine was in the interest of all people in the Middle East and around the world, said the international community must not allow the Palestinian people to continue to suffer. He called on Member States to support an independent Palestinian State, promote the early resumption of peace talks, develop more effective peace-promoting mechanisms, respond to the legitimate concerns of Palestinians and the Arab States and help alleviate the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

As a permanent member of the Security Council, China was ready to play its role in promoting those goals. However, it was critical that the international community respected the rights of people in the Middle East to choose their own political systems and uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter, including the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all States.

OMAR HILALE (Morocco) expressed support for ending any impasse that was obstructing the establishment of a Palestinian State based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital. The international community must address those obstacles and fulfill its responsibility to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people. Israeli practices to impede the status of Jerusalem as an integral part of the Palestinian Occupied Territories and an attempt to harm the Palestinian cause were systematic acts of aggression.

He expressed commitment to support peace in Palestine and ensure the rights of the Palestinian people to Jerusalem. “We will do everything possible” to ensure that the Palestinian people live in peace, he said. Emphasizing the need to preserve the Arab heritage of Jerusalem, he said it was critical now more than ever before to move toward peace to guarantee security and stability in the region.

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SUHRAB UDDIN (Bangladesh) said the Quartet’s efforts to assess the situation on the ground and to understand the evolving political dynamics had helped to produce some useful reports. However, those efforts and other initiatives by individual Member States had not yet been able to secure the necessary political will to move towards meaningful and results-oriented negotiations. It would be a missed opportunity to lose momentum due to political transition, focus on other conflict situations or humanitarian emergencies, he emphasized.

The international community’s immediate priority must be to condemn illegal Israeli settlements, including recent expansion plans, which had been identified as the main obstacle to negotiations and, ultimately, to a viable two-State solution. The international community must also impress upon Israel, the occupying Power, that it must end its systematic violations of international humanitarian law and its unjustified acts of collective punishment unleashed on the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

MAY-ELIN STENER (Norway) said to break the current impasse, all parties must increase the will to make peace a reality. All unilateral actions that had turned hope into confrontation must end, including settlement activities, violence and inciting violence. The Palestinian Authority and Israel had made important progress on key infrastructure projects in Gaza. The way forward warranted key participation from donors.

For its part, Norway was actively working with parties and the donors. Going forward, the Palestinian Authority must reform and strengthen its political structures. The situation in Gaza was of grave concern, she said, urging for accelerated reconstruction efforts. While progress on the economic side was no substitute for a political solution, parties must continue to advance the Palestine economy.

FERIDUN SINIRLIOĞLU (Turkey) said the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was a core obstacle blocking the achievement of a peaceful, stable and democratic Middle East. The root cause of the conflict was Israel’s illegal occupation of East Jerusalem and other Palestinian territories. More countries needed to recognize the State of Palestine, whose full integration into international institutions was vital for Palestinians to negotiate on equal footing with Israel. For their part, the Palestinians needed to establish unity, he said, encouraging Palestinian groups to reconcile. The international community should uphold its responsibility to reach a negotiated political settlement based on a two-State solution. His country would not cease its efforts towards a just and lasting settlement that established a sovereign and independent Palestinian State within pre-1967 borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital.

RUSLAN BULTRIKOV (Kazakhstan) expressed his serious concern about the absence of real progress in the resolution of the conflict and the situation of the Palestinian people. Calling for urgent action by the international community towards its resolution to mitigate their suffering, he said the blockades and checkpoints in Gaza with little scope for economic survival were worsening their socioeconomic and humanitarian situations, deteriorating relations and diminishing the prospects of peace.

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Underscoring that the two-State solution with a return to 1967 borders, reached by dialogue, was the only option for a durable peace, he urged the Quartet to continue to pursue its mediation efforts and called on Israeli and Palestinian leaders to show political responsibility to work towards the goal of achieving peace.

ELMAHDI S. ELMAJERBI (Libya) said the international community had a responsibility to compel Israel to respect the rights of the Palestinian people. The occupying Power had long flouted its obligations under international law, he said, recalling that war crimes had been committed against civilians in Gaza, Jerusalem and elsewhere. Israel’s illegal settlement activities, assassinations, excessive use of force, violations of holy places and destruction of homes violated human rights and its efforts to remove the Arab identity of Jerusalem flouted a number of Security Council resolutions.

Such activities must end and the Palestinian State must be recognized as a full-fledged member of the international community. He condemned the situation in the Syrian Golan and the Gaza Strip, where the continued siege still threatened the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

IDRISS BOUASSILA (Algeria), noting that the Assembly was meeting against the backdrop of fading peace prospects in the Middle East, stressed that “the inaction of the international community, and its inability to find a just solution, is a failure of the contemporary world order”. While many calls to end the occupation had been issued over the years, Israel had continued its brutal aggression in contravention of international law and had refused to end its daily violations of the Palestinian people’s human rights.

Emphasizing their right to protection under international law and that Israel’s policies remained the main obstacle to the two-State solution, he said the International Day of Solidarity served as a reminder of the international community’s responsibility vis-à-vis the Palestinian people. Member States must pressure Israel to end the occupation, he said, welcoming efforts to proclaim 2017 as the international year supporting that goal.

Situation in the Middle East

AHMED ELSHANDAWILY (Egypt) introduced two draft resolutions on the situation in the Middle East. The first titled “Jerusalem” (document A/71/L.22) would have the Assembly reiterate its determination that any actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem were illegal and therefore null and void and had no validity whatsoever.

The Assembly would also call upon Israel to immediately cease all such illegal and unilateral measures. It would stress that a comprehensive, just and lasting solution to the question of the City of Jerusalem should take into account the legitimate concerns of both the Palestinian and Israeli sides and should include internationally guaranteed provisions to ensure the freedom of

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religion and of conscience of its inhabitants, as well as permanent, free and unhindered access to the holy places by people of all religions and nationalities.

By the draft resolution, the Assembly would also stress the need for the parties to observe calm and restraint and to refrain from provocative actions, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, especially in areas of religious and cultural sensitivity. It would also call for respect for the historic status quo at the holy places of Jerusalem, including the Haram al-Sharif, in word and practice, and would urge all sides to work immediately and cooperatively to defuse tensions and halt all provocations, incitement and violence at the holy sites in the city.

Introducing the second draft resolution, titled “The Syrian Golan” (document A/71/L.8), he said that by its terms, the Assembly would declare that Israel had failed so far to comply with Security Council resolution 497 (1981). The Assembly also would declare that the Israeli decision of 14 December 1981 to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan was null and had no validity whatsoever, as confirmed in Council resolution 497 (1981).

The Assembly would also reaffirm its determination that all relevant provisions of the regulations annexed to The Hague Convention, of 1907, and the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 1949, continued to apply to the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since 1967. By the draft, the Assembly would also call upon Israel to resume talks on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks and to respect the commitments that had been reached during previous talks.

The Assembly would demand once more that Israel withdraw from all the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967 in implementation of relevant Security Council resolutions. It would also call upon all the parties concerned to exert all the necessary efforts to ensure the resumption of the peace process and its success by implementing Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973).

MOUNZER MOUNZER (Syria) said that during the Assembly’s annual consideration of its Middle East agenda items, the body had always called upon Israel to end its occupation and declared all efforts to impose Israeli laws and authority on the occupied territories “unlawful, illegitimate, null and void”. The Assembly’s work went hand in hand with the Security Council’s unanimous adoption of resolutions on Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan, he said, noting that, 50 years after the start of the occupation, Israel was still pursuing its “warlike and racist” policies.

Describing documented evidence of Israel’s complicity with terrorist groups, including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da’esh) in the Syrian Golan separation zone, he said it was no longer tolerable for the United Nations and its Member States to continue to cooperate with that occupying force. Syria categorically refused to recognize all measures that aim at usurping its Arab identity. Indeed, the Golan Heights could not be a bargaining tool and there must be no concessions in that regard.

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HAYA AL-DURAIE (Kuwait) expressed support for international efforts that were laying the foundation for security and stability in the region. However, the faltering peace process continued to present a danger to the Middle East. Despite international calls on Israel to end its expansionist policies and violations of human rights, those actions continued. Kuwait supported Palestinian aspirations to establish a State based on pre-1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital and also all measures that had been carried out by Lebanon to preserve its sovereignty.

The humanitarian situation in Syria continued to be extremely concerning, she said, emphasizing that Syrians now constituted the largest refugee population in the world. The world could no longer ignore the situation in Aleppo, where indiscriminate bombardments must end and violators of international law must be brought to justice. The Syrian people had a right to peace and freedom, she said, noting that Kuwait had hosted several international donor conferences and had pledged \$1.3 billion, which had been largely dispersed to United Nations agencies.

On Yemen, she said efforts to reach a solution must be based on the outcome of a national dialogue, the Gulf Initiative and relevant Security Council resolutions. She rejected any unilateral measures in Yemen to create a “Government of salvation”. Turning to other situations in the region, she commended Iraq’s achievements to combat Da’esh and expressed hope that a political agreement in Libya would help to stabilize that country.

VLADIMIR K. SAFRONKOV (Russian Federation) said that the situation in the Middle East, the cradle of civilization, unfortunately remained tense. He condemned all acts of violence against Palestinians and Israelis. Israeli authorities, despite strong condemnation, had continued to build settlements, he added, expressing concern over their legalization and continued land expropriation. Those activities undermined decisions that had been taken to resolve the Palestinian question.

It was critical to renew substantial talks through international bodies, including Security Council resolutions and the Quartet, which contained concrete recommendations on the prospect of a two-State solution. He reaffirmed that there still remained an invitation to both sides to meet the President of the Russian Federation in Moscow to discuss a way to move beyond the impasse. The situation in Gaza continued to be very concerning, he said, expressing support for lifting the blockade. The anniversary of the most important Security Council resolution must serve as a stimulus to achieve peace, he concluded.

MOOMINA IBRAHIM (Maldives), noting that the current debate was taking place at a time when the world was full of trepidation over the grave humanitarian situation in Syria – particularly the escalating violence in Aleppo – expressed her delegation’s grave concern over the situation in the Middle East as a whole. There could be no peace without development and without development, no peace, as illustrated by the continued suffering of the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Underscoring the need to realize the Palestinian people’s right to self-determination, she went on to say that the international community had watched for years as the violence in Syria – which

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had been called “our generation’s shame” — continued to escalate. That conflict was causing an unending web of violence and destabilizing the entire region, while the resulting vacuum had led to the birth of ISIL. In that regard, she condemned acts of terror, including those committed in the name of Islam, and called on all parties in Syria “to leave politics aside and take the side of humanity”.

YOSHIFUMI OKAMURA (Japan) said instability in the Middle East had had repercussions beyond the region, including waves of refugees and migrants and the spread of violent extremism. While the international community had dealt with those issues with mixed results at best, it was important to note that they were symptoms of deeper issues which must be addressed. Stressing the need for actions that would have a tangible impact on the ground, he called on Israel to immediately freeze its settlement activities in the West Bank and Jerusalem.

As violence continued from both sides with varying degrees of intensity, the leaders of both parties must renew their commitment to the two-State solution, which meant achieving the goal of co-existence. Describing Japan’s efforts to facilitate such efforts, including through its Corridor for Peace and Prosperity initiative, he said that while there was no easy answer, his Government stood ready to continue its work alongside the international community.

The representative of Israel, in explanation of position, said it was shameful how some countries had yet to accept the existence of Israel and abused the General Assembly to spread baseless allegations. Today’s resolutions had served those who preferred to promote a biased narrative. The six resolutions had not only failed to promote dialogue or build trust, they had also created an organizational infrastructure that abused United Nations funding to allow anti-Israel activities to take place under United Nations auspices.

The Special Information Program on the Question of Palestine, the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat, and the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people were bodies dedicated solely to one specific conflict. Meanwhile, the Special Information Program on the Question of Palestine, led by the United Nations Department of Public Information, had offered a biased and misleading narrative of the region. It circulated prejudiced materials under the banner of the United Nations, undermining the institution’s integrity and impartiality.

It was crucial, she said, to make sure that no United Nations platform was being abused in order to disseminate materials promoting anti-Israel messages. It was baffling how the United Nations, which continued to face a severe budgetary deficit, spent approximately \$6.5 million a year on bodies which were dedicated solely to promoting the Palestinian narrative.

Since 2015, terror attacks against Israelis had claimed the lives of 42 citizens and injured over 600 and yet today’s resolutions made no mention of those victims. Furthermore, the resolutions under discussion did not mention the internationally recognized terror organization Hamas. No one should delude themselves: supporting the resolutions and the inherent bias

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against Israel would not advance the cause of peace. Rather it would only make peace harder to achieve.

The Assembly then took up the resolution on “Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People” (A/71/L.18), adopting it, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 100 in favour to 9 against (Australia, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 55 abstentions.

Also by recorded vote, it adopted the resolution on “Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat” (document A/71/L.19), with 98 in favour to 9 against (Australia, Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Guatemala, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 57 abstentions.

Next, the Assembly adopted the resolution on “Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat” (document A/71/L.20) by a recorded vote of 153 in favour to 7 against (Australia, Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, United States), with 7 abstentions (Cameroon, Honduras, Nauru, Paraguay, Togo, Tonga, Vanuatu).

By a recorded vote of 153 in favour to 7 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 7 abstentions (Australia, Cameroon, Honduras, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Tonga, Vanuatu), the Assembly adopted the resolution on “Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine” (document A/71/L.21).

The representative of Mexico, in explanation of position on L.19, said the United Nations should continue to work to heighten awareness of the need to reach a peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine. However, there was a need for more rational and efficient uses of resources, he said, noting that Mexico had therefore decided to abstain.

JOSEPH TEO CHOON HENG (Singapore) said his delegation had voted in favour of L.18 on the understanding that the reference in operative paragraph 2 to the achievement “of the two-State solution on the basis of the pre-1967 borders” should be interpreted in the same manner as set out in operative paragraph 1 of L.21, which stated that “the two-State solution of Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security within recognized borders, based on the pre-1967 borders”.

RICHARD GALBAVÝ (Slovakia), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that with regard to all resolutions that had been adopted during the current General Assembly session, the bloc’s member States considered that whenever the term “Palestinian Government” was mentioned that it referred to the Palestinian Authority. Furthermore, the use of the term “Palestine” in any of those resolutions could not be construed as a recognition of Palestine as a State and was without prejudice to the individual positions of member States on that issue and hence on the question of the validity of an accession to the conventions and treaties mentioned therein.

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The European Union had not expressed a legal qualification with regard to the term “forced displacement” used in a number of resolutions. Some of the resolutions that had been adopted had also referred to the holy sites in Jerusalem. The European Union remained concerned at worrying developments and recurrent violent clashes at the Temple Mount/Al Haram al-Sharif. The European Union stressed the need for language on the holy sites of Jerusalem to reflect their importance and historical significance for the three monotheistic religions.

The representative of Paraguay, emphasizing that dialogue and direct negotiations were the only path to a just and sustainable peace, said his delegation had abstained from voting on L.18 and L.19 as it felt those resolutions would not contribute to achieving the goal of two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace within internationally recognized borders.

Turning to the situation in the Middle East, the Assembly adopted the resolution on “The Syrian Golan” (document A/71/L.8) by a recorded vote of 103 in favour to 6 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Palau, United States), with 56 abstentions.

The Assembly then adopted the resolution on “Jerusalem” (document A/71/L.22) by a recorded vote of 149 in favour to 7 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States), with 8 abstentions (Australia, Cameroon, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Vanuatu).

MAURO VIEIRA (Brazil), speaking also for Argentina, said their delegations had voted in favour of L.8 because it was unlawful to acquire territory and international law prohibited the use or the threat of use of force to do so. At the same, he wanted to clarify that the vote did not prejudice the content of operative paragraph 6, particularly regarding the line of 4 June 1967. It was important to pay attention to progress that had been made regarding the conflict in order to bring an end to the occupation. A final solution to the Syrian Golan must be based on relevant Security Council resolutions.

RICHARD ERDMAN (United States) said he remained profoundly troubled by the submission of a disproportionate number of one-sided resolutions that had been designed to condemn Israel. That approach damaged the prospects for peace by undermining trust between parties and the kind of international support critical to achieving peace. All parties to the conflict had a responsibility to end it. It was manifestly unjust that the United Nations, an institution founded on the idea that all nations should be treated equally, was so often used by Member States to treat Israel unequally. His delegation had voted against one-sided resolutions in the General Assembly, especially those that renewed mandates on committees that used valuable United Nations resources.

Three United Nations bodies in particular reflected the bias and unnecessary costs of such resolutions and wasted limited resources. Costing approximately \$6.1 million in 2015, they did nothing to contribute to peace in the region. The United States remained firmly committed to

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advancing a two-State solution and would continue to urge all sides to take steps to stop the violence.

The United States strongly condemned all acts of violence and terrorism and would continue to support Israel’s right to defend innocent civilians. While the United States consistently opposed every effort to delegitimize Israel at the United Nations, his delegation would also continue to view Israeli settlement activity as illegitimate, corrosive and a threat to a two-State solution.

The representative of Syria thanked Member States that had voted in favour of the resolutions, noting the demonstrations of the international community’s clear rejection of foreign occupation. In addition, the favourable vote sent a clear message to Israel that its killing, settlement expansion and forcible annexation of land ran counter to international principles.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine also thanked those States that had voted in favour of the texts, stressing that their adoption by an overwhelming majority was a reflection of the longstanding international consensus in favour of achieving a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the question of Palestine. It was also a clear reaffirmation of the international community’s consensus on the two-State solution, which was now in grave peril due to Israel’s recent actions.

In addition, it “answered clearly and thoroughly” the false assertions heard from the Israeli delegation today. The despair and hopelessness of the Palestinian people was increasing, as the fiftieth year of the illegal Israeli occupation was approaching. However, the support of countries and peoples around the world had helped them to remain hopeful that they would one day be able to realize their rights and achieve a peaceful co-existence with Israel.

See: <http://www.un.org/press/en/2016/ga11861.doc.htm>

Obama Betrays Israel at The United Nations

By Michael Snyder, on December 23rd, 2016



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Barack Obama actually did it. Despite enormous pressure from the government of Israel, President-elect Donald Trump and members of his own party in Congress, Barack Obama decided to stick a knife in Israel’s back at the United Nations. On Friday, the UN Security Council adopted a resolution that calls for a “two-State solution based on the 1967 lines” and that shockingly states that “the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity”.

This resolution was approved by a vote of 14 to 0, and the U.S. abstained from voting. But essentially the outcome of the vote was going to be determined by Barack Obama. For decades, the U.S. veto power on the UN Security Council has shielded Israel from these types of resolutions, but this time around Obama decided to betray Israel by allowing this vote to pass. Needless to say, this vote is going to have enormous implications for Israel, for the United States, and for the entire globe.

Just five days ago, I published one of the most important articles that I have ever written. It was entitled “The Real Reason Why America Has Been Given A Reprieve“, and in that article I explained why the U.S. has experienced a season of blessing since blocking a potential UN Security Council resolution that France wanted to introduce that would have formally divided the land of Israel in September 2015. If you have not read that article yet, please go back and read it, because it will be of great aid in understanding why this new UN Security Council resolution is so incredibly important.

As I stated in that previous article, it is my contention that the reason why things have gone so well for the United States over the past 16 months is because Barack Obama made the right decision in September 2015 and chose to protect the land of Israel from being divided.

But now that Barack Obama has reversed course and has greatly betrayed Israel, is America’s reprieve now over?

For months, I have been warning that Barack Obama may do something like this at the UN during the waning days of his presidency. You can see some examples of my previous warnings here, here and here. And I have also been warning about the severe consequences that the United States would face if our government did ultimately decide to betray Israel.

This UN Security Council resolution that was passed on Friday was originally going to be put up for a vote on Thursday. But after enormous pressure from the government of Israel and from President-elect Donald Trump, Egypt decided to withdraw the resolution that they had proposed at the last moment.

When that happened, it looked like everything was going to be okay.

However, temporary members of the UN Security Council New Zealand, Malaysia, Venezuela and Senegal immediately objected to Egypt’s move, and they indicated that they would submit the resolution for a vote if Egypt would not.

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So on Friday a vote took place, and Obama did what many had been fearing. The following comes from the New York Times...

Defying extraordinary pressure from President-elect Donald J. Trump and furious lobbying by Israel, the Obama administration on Friday allowed the United Nations Security Council to adopt a contentious resolution that condemned Israeli settlement construction.

The administration’s decision not to veto the measure broke a longstanding American tradition of serving as Israel’s sturdiest diplomatic shield.

President-elect Trump publicly said that he would have vetoed this resolution, but now it will be virtually impossible for him to reverse it.

Another vote of the UN Security Council would be necessary to reverse it, and the votes simply would not be there. And even if they were, either Russia or China could use the veto power that they possess to block it.

So this resolution is going to be permanent, and it is considered to be legally binding on both Israel and the Palestinians.

It seems fitting that Barack Obama is vacationing in Hawaii while all of this drama is playing out. Perhaps while he is on the golf course he is enjoying a good laugh about how he really stuck it to his long-time nemesis Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Needless to say, the Israeli government is absolutely furious that Obama has betrayed them. The following comes from U.S. News & World Report...

An Israeli official on Friday accused President Barack Obama of colluding with the Palestinians in a “shameful move against Israel at the U.N.” after learning the White House did not intend to veto a Security Council resolution condemning settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem the day before.

“President Obama and Secretary Kerry are behind this shameful move against Israel at the U.N.,” the official said. **“The U.S administration secretly cooked up with the Palestinians an extreme anti-Israeli resolution behind Israel’s back which would be a tail wind for terror and boycotts and effectively make the Western Wall occupied Palestinian territory,”** he said calling it “an abandonment of Israel which breaks decades of US policy of protecting Israel at the UN.”

You can read the full text of the UN Security Council resolution that was just adopted right here. These are some of the highlights that I pulled out of the document...

-It refers to Israel as “the occupying Power”

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-It calls for a “two-State solution based on the 1967 lines”

-It speaks of a Middle East “where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders”

-It demands “the dismantlement of all settlement outposts erected since March 2001”

-To me, the following is the key paragraph in the entire resolution...

Reaffirms that **the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution** and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace-It stipulates “that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem”-It states that the UN Security Council “will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations”

-It expresses a belief that “the cessation of all Israeli settlement activities is essential for salvaging the two-State solution, and calls for affirmative steps to be taken immediately to reverse the negative trends on the ground that are imperiling the two-State solution”-It calls on all UN member states “to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967”-This is the most anti-Israel resolution that the UN Security Council has ever passed, and it never would have happened without Barack Obama’s approval. The Israeli government and the Obama administration have had a very strained relationship for years, and this moment represents the culmination of tensions that have been building for a very long time. But does this resolution actually represent the “division of the land of Israel” at the United Nations that so many have been waiting for?

I don’t know if I have a definitive answer to that question for you today. The language of this resolution does not directly give formal recognition to a Palestinian state, but it does speak of a “democratic state” of “Palestine”, and it does speak of “Palestinian territory”. It calls Israel “the occupying Power”, and it does say that all Israeli settlements in the West Bank and in East Jerusalem are illegal. And on top of everything else, the UN Security Council clearly stated that it “will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations”.

So it seems clear that the UN Security Council has affirmed three major points that we have been watching for...

#1 A Palestinian state exists.

#2 The 1967 ceasefire lines represent the borders between the state of Israel and Palestine, but future negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians could alter these borders.

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#3 East Jerusalem belongs to the Palestinians. This resolution does not refer to East Jerusalem as the future capital of Palestine, but that is obviously what is intended.

But perhaps another resolution will come later which will give official UN Security Council recognition to a Palestinian state.

At this point, we just don't know. However, what we do know is that for decades whenever the U.S. has taken steps toward dividing the land of Israel it has resulted in dramatic consequences for our nation. It is my contention that this betrayal of Israel at the United Nations by Barack Obama represents a major turning point. I believe that America's reprieve is now over, and that many of the things that people have been anticipating since September 2015 will start happening. Barack Obama just made the worst decision of his entire presidency, and from this point forward nothing is ever going to be the same again.

See: <http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/obama-betrays-israel-at-the-united-nations-is-americas-reprieve-now-over>

Rebuffing Israel, U.S. Allows Censure Over Settlements

By SOMINI SENGUPTA and RICK GLADSTONEDEC. 23, 2016

Applause After U.N. Vote to Condemn Israeli Settlements

After the United States chose to abstain from the vote, the United Nations Security Council passed a resolution demanding that Israel end settlement construction in occupied Palestinian territory. Applause erupted in the room after the draft resolution was passed.

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UNITED NATIONS — Defying extraordinary pressure from President-elect Donald J. Trump and furious lobbying by Israel, the Obama administration on Friday allowed the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution that condemned Israeli settlement construction.

The administration's decision not to veto the measure reflected its accumulated frustration over Israeli settlements. The American abstention on the vote also broke a longstanding policy of shielding Israel from action at the United Nations that described the settlements as illegal.

While the resolution is not expected to have any practical impact on the ground, it is regarded as a major rebuff to Israel, one that could increase its isolation over the paralyzed peace process with Israel's Palestinian neighbors, who have sought to establish their own state on territory held by Israel. Applause broke out in the 15-member Security Council's chambers after the vote on the measure, which passed 14 to 0, with the United States ambassador, Samantha Power, raising her hand as the lone abstention. Israel's ambassador,

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Danny Danon, denounced the measure, and castigated the council members who had approved it. “Would you ban the French from building in Paris?” he told them. The resolution describes the settlement building as a “major obstacle” to peace and demands that Israel stop the construction, which most the world regards as illegal.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, who had scrambled in recent days to stop the measure from coming to a vote, issued a blistering denunciation afterward. “Israel rejects this shameful anti-Israel resolution at the U.N. and will not abide by its terms,” Mr. Netanyahu said in a statement. “At a time when the Security Council does nothing to stop the slaughter of half a million people in Syria, it disgracefully gangs up on the one true democracy in the Middle East, Israel, and calls the Western Wall ‘occupied territory.’”

”Mr. Netanyahu immediately retaliated against two of the countries that sponsored the resolution. He ordered Israel’s ambassadors to New Zealand and Senegal to return home for consultations, canceled a planned visit to Israel next month by Senegal’s foreign minister and cut off all aid programs to Senegal.

The vote came a day after Mr. Trump personally intervened to keep the measure, which had been originally proposed by Egypt, from coming up for a vote on Thursday, as scheduled. Mr. Trump’s aides said he had spoken to Mr. Netanyahu. Both men also spoke to the Egyptian president, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Egypt postponed the vote under what that country’s United Nations ambassador called intense pressure. But in a show of mounting exasperation, four other countries on the Security Council — Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal and Venezuela — all of them relatively powerless temporary members with rotating two-year seats, snatched the resolution away from Egypt and put it up for a vote Friday.

The Obama administration has been highly critical of Israel’s settlement building, describing it as an impediment to a two-state solution in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that has long been the official United States position, regardless of the party in power. Mr. Trump, who had urged the administration to veto the resolution, has made clear that he will take a far more sympathetic approach to Israel when his administration assumes office on Jan. 20.

Mr. Trump’s comments on the resolution amounted to his most direct intervention on United States foreign policy during his transition to power. Minutes after the Security Council vote was announced, Mr. Trump made his anger known in a Twitter posting, saying: “As to the U.N., things will be different after Jan. 20th.”

A range of senators and congressmen from both parties also denounced the resolution, a reflection of the deep loyalty to Israel shared by Democrats and Republicans. Senator Chuck Schumer of New York said, “It is extremely frustrating, disappointing and confounding that the administration has failed to veto this resolution.”

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Construction at an Israeli settlement in the West Bank in 2015. Credit Tomas Munita for The New York Times

Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who oversees a subcommittee that oversees United Nations funding by the United States, threatened to take steps that could “suspend or significantly reduce” that financing. Reaction to the resolution also illustrated fissures among American Jews regarding Israeli policy.

Some, like the World Jewish Congress and American Jewish Committee, called the resolution a one-sided measure that would not help the peace process. Ronald S. Lauder, president of the World Jewish Congress, said in a statement: “It is also disconcerting and unfortunate that the United States, Israel’s greatest ally, chose to abstain rather than veto this counterproductive text.”

Other groups that have grown increasingly critical of the Israeli government’s approach to the peace process applauded the resolution and the Obama administration’s decision not to block it. J Street, a Washington-based organization that advocates a two-state solution, said the resolution “conveys the overwhelming support of the international community, including Israel’s closest friends and allies, for the two-state solution, and their deep concern over the deteriorating status quo between Israelis and Palestinians and the lack of meaningful progress toward peace.”

Ms. Power, the United States ambassador, portrayed the abstention as consistent with the American disapproval of settlement-building, but she also criticized countries at the United Nations for treating Israel unfairly. She said the United States remained committed to its “steadfast support” for Israel and reminded the council that Israel received an enormous amount of American military aid.

Ms. Power said the United States chose not to veto the resolution, as it had done to a similar measure under Mr. Obama in 2011, because settlement building had accelerated so much that it had put the two-state solution in jeopardy, and because the peace process had gone nowhere.

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“Today the Security Council reaffirmed its established consensus that settlements have no legal validity,” she said. “The United States has been sending a message that settlements must stop privately and publicly for nearly five decades.” She also rebuked Palestinian leaders for “too often” failing to condemn violence against Israeli civilians.

But she directed a portion of her remarks to Mr. Netanyahu, whose relations with the Obama administration have never been warm. “One cannot simultaneously champion expanding Israeli settlements and champion a viable two-state solution that would end the conflict,” she said, arguing that the settlements have undermined Israel’s security.

Israel’s ambassador, Mr. Danon, who had exhorted the American delegation to block the measure, expressed his anger in a statement that looked forward to a change in policy under Mr. Trump. “It was to be expected that Israel’s greatest ally would act in accordance with the values that we share and that they would have vetoed this disgraceful resolution,” he said. Riyadh Mansour, the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations, welcomed the resolution’s adoption but tempered his approval with a warning.

“In reality, today’s action may be too little too late,” he said. “After years of allowing the law to be trampled and the situation to spiral downward, today’s resolution may rightly be seen as a last attempt to preserve the two-state solution and revive the path for peace.”

The resolution condemned Israeli housing construction in East Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank as a “flagrant violation under international law” that was “dangerously imperiling the viability” of a future peace settlement establishing a Palestinian state. The resolution also included a nod to Israel and its backers by condemning “all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction.”

That language is diplomatic scolding aimed at Palestinian leaders, whom Israel accuses of encouraging attacks on Israeli civilians. Hamas, the Palestinian group that controls the Gaza Strip and is deemed a terrorist organization by the United States and Israel, expressed appreciation to the Security Council.

“We praise the countries that voted for the resolution,” said Hazem Kassem, a spokesman for the group. “We emphasize the need to turn such a resolution into action, not only to halt settlements but to eradicate Israel’s occupation in all its forms.” Peter Baker contributed reporting from Jerusalem, and Mark Landler from Washington.

See: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/23/world/middleeast/israel-settlements-un-vote.html?_r=1

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Chief rabbi: US has forsaken Israel, we can trust only in the Lord

Yitzhak Yosef says White House decision not to veto UN resolution served as ‘reminder from above that we can count on no one but our Father’

By Times of Israel staff December 28, 2016, 8:05 pm 11



Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

The US has forsaken Israel, and the Jewish state can now place its trust only in God, Israel’s Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yosef said Wednesday, as Jerusalem and Washington continued to face off over Friday’s United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements. “Sometimes, we need to be reminded from above that we can count on no one but our Father who art in heaven,” Yosef told followers at the Western Wall. “Even America... forsook us last week at the UN.” He added: “We mustn’t forget that the hearts of kings and captains are in the hands of the Lord, and we can count on no one but (the Lord).”

US Secretary of State John Kerry again criticized Israel’s settlement policies in a speech a major address on the way ahead for the Mideast peace process at the State Department on Wednesday. Furthermore, an official in Jerusalem told The Times of Israel on Tuesday, the government expects more US-led maneuvers at the UN that are critical of the Jewish state. Washington declined Friday to wield its veto power to stop the UN resolution, setting off a renewed crisis with the Israeli government.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his aides have accused the US of colluding with Palestinians and other Security Council member-states to pass the measure. The White House on Wednesday denied any coordination with the Palestinians over the formulation of the resolution, and called recently leaked transcripts of conversations on the matter between top US and Palestinian officials, published by an Egyptian newspaper, a “total fabrication.”

The resolution states that the settlement enterprise “has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law,” and calls for a complete end to all construction in areas Israel gained after the 1967 Six Day War. The text was approved by 14-0, with the United States abstaining. Defending the US abstention — and decision to not veto — the resolution Friday, Kerry said in a statement the move would “preserve the possibility of peace.”

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Eric Cortellessa contributed to this report.

See: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/chief-rabbi-us-has-forsaken-israel-we-can-trust-only-in-the-lord/>

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Yes one third of UN nations are Muslim nations with Erdagon of Turkey being the head voice for the 57 Islamic state nations in the OIC (organization of Islamic cooperation) handed to him by Egypt in 2015. Erdagon and Obama are dead against Israel. Erdogan is Muslim brotherhood wanting the Middle East caliphate in agreement with the G7 foreign policy agenda. Erdagon is the same as the treasonist US Obama antichrist both are Muslim brotherhood partners in crime. Obama is putting in his attempt to start a war with Israel against Islam and coalition nations setting a platform for the coming Ezekiel 38-39 war.

The signing of the TPPA by pacific rim nations puts pressure on them to bow down handing over authority and power to Obama led US foreign policy, such as John Keys UN resolution vote recently to go with the flow against Israel then resign "cowards" (Obama also funded, weaponised and trained Islamic terrorists put six Muslim brotherhood members in congress over seeing foreign policy and single handedly negotiated TPPA and set up the global police force under NATO in 2016). All this stinks of agenda to control and deceive the masses to cause war woohooo !!! for Trump pray pray pray the fights not over yet soul harvest time is coming Rev 14: 14-16.

UN vote actually ‘a victory for Israel,’ paves way for embassy move, ex-Labor MK says

Einat Wilf says Resolution 2334 ‘clarifies the absolute legality of pre-1967 Israel, including west Jerusalem,’ can provide basis for Trump to relocate embassy

By Raphael Ahren December 26, 2016, 5:33 pm

While Israeli politicians from across the political spectrum condemned the anti-settlements resolution passed Friday at the United Nations Security Council, a former Labor Party MK on Sunday called it a “victory for Israel.” In a counterintuitive interpretation of the resolution, Einat Wilf, who served as Knesset member between 2010 and 2013, argued that the controversial text actually enshrines in international law Israel’s right to West Jerusalem and thus makes it easier for the US to move its embassy there.

“UN Security Council Resolution 2334 is an important, if unintended, victory for Israel and Zionism. In it the UN Security Council provides the most resounding international and legal support yet for Israel within the 1949 ceasefire lines, including west Jerusalem,” she said in a statement Sunday.

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Wilf, a native Jerusalemite, pointed to two sections of the resolution that she said were key to legitimizing Israel’s claims to West Jerusalem. For one, the text determines that Israeli settlement in territory captured in 1967, including East Jerusalem, “has no legal validity.” The resolution further calls on all states to “distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967.” Most Israeli politicians and pundits view those two sentences as the resolution’s most troubling, as they appear to invite boycotts of goods and people from the settlements. But Wilf, who holds a PhD in political science from the University of Cambridge, chose to focus on the other side of the coin.

By drawing a clear distinction between Israel proper and the settlements, and declaring the settlements illegal, the Security Council “is essentially clarifying the absolute legality of the territory of Israel within the 1949 ceasefire lines, including west Jerusalem,” she noted. “This resolution could provide a Trump administration the international legal support for their policy of moving the US Embassy to west Jerusalem.”



The US embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel, June 14, 2016. (Flash 90)

The international community currently does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over any part of Jerusalem. Israel conquered the eastern part of the city in the 1967 Six Day War, and subsequently annexed it and declared “united Jerusalem” its capital, leading all countries to move their embassies from Jerusalem to the Tel Aviv area.

The status of Jerusalem, the international community argues, needs to be determined by a final-status agreement between the parties. US President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to implement a 1995 American law that stipulates the relocation the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Critics, chiefly among the Palestinians, have sharply condemned the planned move, arguing that it would predetermine the outcome of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

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In this photo provided by the United Nations, members of the United Nations Security Council vote at the United Nations headquarters on December 23, 2016, in favor of condemning Israel for its practice of establishing settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem. In a striking rupture with past practice, the US allowed the vote, not exercising its veto. (Manuel Elias/The United Nations via AP)

See: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/un-resolution-actually-a-victory-for-israel-ex-labor-mk-says/>

Full text of UNSC Resolution 2334, demanding Israel stop all settlement activity

Approved on December 23 by 14-0, with US abstaining, text seeks action ‘to reverse the negative trends on the ground that are imperiling the two-state solution’

By Times of Israel staff December 23, 2016, 9:23 pm



The UN Security Council meets on December 23, 2016 (UN Screenshot)

Text of Egyptian-drafted resolution 2334 on settlements, approved by the UN Security Council, on December 23, 2016.

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 452 (1979), 465 (1980), 476 (1980), 478 (1980), 1397 (2002), 1515 (2003), and 1850 (2008),

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Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming, inter alia, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, Reaffirming the obligation of Israel, the occupying Power, to abide scrupulously by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and recalling the advisory opinion rendered on 9 July 2004 by the International Court of Justice,

Condemning all measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, including, inter alia, the construction and expansion of settlements, transfer of Israeli settlers, confiscation of land, demolition of homes and displacement of Palestinian civilians, in violation of international humanitarian law and relevant resolutions, Expressing grave concern that continuing Israeli settlement activities are dangerously imperiling the viability of the two-State solution based on the 1967 lines,

Recalling the obligation under the Quartet Roadmap, endorsed by its resolution 1515 (2003), for a freeze by Israel of all settlement activity, including “natural growth”, and the dismantlement of all settlement outposts erected since March 2001, Recalling also the obligation under the Quartet roadmap for the Palestinian Authority Security Forces to maintain effective operations aimed at confronting all those engaged in terror and dismantling terrorist capabilities, including the confiscation of illegal weapons, Condemning all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction, Reiterating its vision of a region where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders,

Stressing that the status quo is not sustainable and that significant steps, consistent with the transition contemplated by prior agreements, are urgently needed in order to (i) stabilize the situation and to reverse negative trends on the ground, which are steadily eroding the two-State solution and entrenching a one-State reality, and (ii) to create the conditions for successful final status negotiations and for advancing the two-State solution through those negotiations and on the ground,



Israel’s UN ambassador Danny Danon addresses the Security Council on October 19, 2016. (UN Photo)

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1. Reaffirms that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace;
2. Reiterates its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and that it fully respect all of its legal obligations in this regard;
3. Underlines that it will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations;
4. Stresses that the cessation of all Israeli settlement activities is essential for salvaging the two-State solution, and calls for affirmative steps to be taken immediately to reverse the negative trends on the ground that are imperiling the two-State solution;
5. Calls upon all States, bearing in mind paragraph 1 of this resolution, to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967;
6. Calls for immediate steps to prevent all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation and destruction, calls for accountability in this regard, and calls for compliance with obligations under international law for the strengthening of ongoing efforts to combat terrorism, including through existing security coordination, and to clearly condemn all acts of terrorism;
7. Calls upon both parties to act on the basis of international law, including international humanitarian law, and their previous agreements and obligations, to observe calm and restraint, and to refrain from provocative actions, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, with the aim, inter alia, of de-escalating the situation on the ground, rebuilding trust and confidence, demonstrating through policies and actions a genuine commitment to the two-State solution, and creating the conditions necessary for promoting peace;
8. Calls upon all parties to continue, in the interest of the promotion of peace and security, to exert collective efforts to launch credible negotiations on all final status issues in the Middle East peace process and within the time frame specified by the Quartet in its statement of 21 September 2010;
9. Urges in this regard the intensification and acceleration of international and regional diplomatic efforts and support aimed at achieving, without delay a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid terms of reference, including the principle of land for peace, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Quartet Roadmap and an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967; and underscores in this regard the importance of the ongoing efforts to advance the Arab Peace Initiative, the initiative of France

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for the convening of an international peace conference, the recent efforts of the Quartet, as well as the efforts of Egypt and the Russian Federation;

10. Confirms its determination to support the parties throughout the negotiations and in the implementation of an agreement;

11. Reaffirms its determination to examine practical ways and means to secure the full implementation of its relevant resolutions;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

13. Decides to remain seized of the matter.

See: <http://www.timesofisrael.com/full-text-of-unsc-resolution-approved-dec-23-demanding-israel-stop-all-settlement-activity/>

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