

Ambassador Danny Danon Statement at the General Assembly – 6 December 2018

Thank you, Madam President.

Today's resolution presented an opportunity for redemption. Proposed by the United States and supported by a global coalition, this resolution offered the United Nations another chance to finally condemn Hamas.

We thank the United States and Ambassador Haley for standing up for what is right and we applaud the plurality of member states that stood by the truth, took a moral stand, and condemned Hamas for its relentless acts of terror.

Today we achieved a plurality. That plurality would have been a majority if the vote had not been hijacked by a political move of procedure.

But in one strong, courageous voice, we have brought Hamas to justice.

For those member states that rejected this resolution, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Wait when you will have to deal with terrorism in your own countries. Your silence in the face of evil reveals your true colors. It tells us what side you are really on: a side that does not care for the lives of innocent Israelis and innocent Palestinians who have fallen victim to the terrorists of Hamas. Those who endorse terrorism today will be forced to face its deadly consequences tomorrow.

To the children in Israel – in Sderot, Netivot, Ashkelon – we salute you who so bravely endure unthinkable dangers of falling rockets.

To the people of Gaza, to the people of Gaza, we also think of you. You deserve a brighter future – not one controlled by a regime of terrorists.

To Hamas, the world will not be silent until you stop your violent and illegal ways. Your time is up.

Whether or not they choose to admit it, all of the member states in this room know full well that Hamas is a radical Islamic terror organization dedicated to the destruction of Israel.

For the past thirteen years since Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip and Hamas violently took it over, the Hamas terrorists have launched over 13,000 rockets into Israeli communities, deliberately targeting civilians. This past November, Hamas fired nearly 500 rockets into Israel over a two-day period.

Hamas commits a double war crime by launching rockets from Palestinian neighborhoods in Gaza directly into Israeli civilian population centers.

Hamas has constructed nearly forty terror tunnels that infiltrate Israeli border towns to kidnap and kill Israelis. The IDF exposed and neutralized fifteen tunnels this year alone, most recently this past October.

Hamas has carried out hundreds of suicide bombings, shootings, and stabbings that have killed and wounded thousands of innocent people.

It has organized endless violent riots on the security fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip, seeking to invade and overrun Israel and encourage young Palestinians to send flaming materials into Israel.

Hamas exploits the people of Gaza – its own Palestinian brothers and sisters – as human shields, an activity that is both illegal and deplorable.

Hamas deprives its people of their basic human rights and steals billions of dollars of humanitarian aid – paid for by your citizens' tax money – to fund its terror ambitions.

Day in and day out, Hamas denies Israel's very right to exist.

Hamas is also in flagrant violation of international law by continuing to hold hostage four young Israelis it captured. In 2014, Hamas killed and kidnapped Oron Shaul and Hadar Goldin. Hamas is also holding Avera Mangistu and Hisham al-Sayed, two young Israeli civilians who suffer from mental illness. Hamas has refused to provide any sign of life to the families of these men and does not permit ICRC visits.

The UN has a legal and a moral obligation to ensure the return of our boys.

While Hamas flagrantly violates international law, its leadership had the audacity to complain about Israel to the UN. Just last week, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh sent this letter to the UN – all of you got it – to condemn Israel and call for more violence. Ismael Haniyeh approached you, Madam President. Haniyeh is a man who has praised Osama Bin Laden, referring to him as a holy warrior. The blood of countless innocent lives drips from his hands.

There is no difference between the evil of Hamas and the barbarity of ISIS, or al-Qaeda, or Boko Haram. All these organizations are committed to terrorizing innocent people.

Madam President,

Today, as the Jewish people are celebrating the miracle of Hannukah, a plurality of UN member states made the right decision. They supported this resolution and condemned Hamas unequivocally.

Other nations chose to vote against this resolution. Some sat passively on the sidelines in an attempt to appear “neutral” or “objective.”

Let me be clear. There is no such thing here as neutrality. There is no such thing as “both sides.” There is no moral equivalency. There is a terrorist organization that endangers civilians flagrantly violating the law and there is a state that protects them.

Today, the majority of the international community has exposed Hamas. Others have turned a blind eye.

It will not be long until all of the nations of the world stop turning their backs on the thousands of Palestinian and Israeli victims of terror and finally make a clear and unequivocal statement condemning Hamas.

Thank you, Madam President.

Islamic Republic of I R A N

Permanent Mission to the United Nations

**Explanation of position
By the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
On draft resolution A/73/L.42
Entitled: "Activities of Hamas and Other Militant Groups in Gaza"
Before the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly
New York, 6 December 2018**

In the Name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

Madam President,

I have taken the floor to explain our position regarding draft resolution A/73/L.42, entitled "Activities of Hamas and Other Militant Groups in Gaza".

This draft resolution represents the true nature of the U.S. foreign policy towards the Palestinians; a policy which essentially is based on deception, total disregard of the Palestinian's rights, as well as an unreserved, unwavering, and sustained support for Israel; no matter what crime it commits, how many children it kills, how brutal and inhumane its practices are; and what basic norms and principles it violates.

This draft resolution is based on deception as it totally ignores the main root cause of the conflict, i.e. the decades-long illegal occupation of Palestine by Israel. Occupation remains at the epicenter of all conflicts in the Middle East. It is the main cause of more than seven decades of Israel's brutal practices toward Palestinian people. This is the root cause of the continued violation of the fundamental human rights of the Palestinians and other Arabs living under Israel's occupation. This is the main reason for the suffering and injustice imposed on the Palestinians resulting in the displacement of around six million refugees. It is why the Palestinians, both Muslim and Christian, suffer from a situation tantamount to ethnic-cleansing. Worse still, in the Gaza Strip, nearly two million Palestinians continue to live under the suffocating Israeli-imposed closure. This unlawful inhumane blockade has made Gaza an uninhabitable open-air prison designed to be unsustainable for human life. This situation represents an actual massive collective punishment against the entire Gaza population, including women and children. This constitutes a war crime.

One of the latest cruelties committed by Israel is the killing of more than 160 Palestinians and the injury of thousands more during the peaceful Great Return March in Gaza.

Another reality on the ground that the draft resolution intentionally and entirely ignores is the continued illegal settlement activities in the Palestinian Territory. This constitutes not only a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention but also a war crime. This demonstrates that the Israeli regime has never had any intention for and interest in peace with the Palestinians.

Furthermore, its so-called "participation" in the peace process has merely been a shroud to hide its policy of aggression and expansion. Emboldened by the changes in the U.S. political landscape, which led to the recognition of Jerusalem by America as the so-called "capital" of Israel and relocation of its Embassy to Jerusalem, the Israeli Occupying regime has conveniently put aside that shroud.

Israel also continues to totally negate any right of the Palestinians to self-determination. This was represented in the recent enactment of the racist law of "one Jewish state". In addition, this regime has taken

unprecedented measures to accelerate Judaizing Jerusalem and altering its demographic composition as well as religious and cultural identity or eliminating the Palestinian Christian and Muslim presence in the Holy City.

Madam President,

All of the above-mentioned measures have been taken while the Security Council has failed to live up to its responsibilities to put an end to this illegal occupation and this decades-long tragedy. This failure is the direct result of the sustained and unequivocal support of the U.S. for all of the Israeli regime's policies and practices. Such policies highly emboldened this regime to continue its illegal policies and inhumane practices against Palestinian people in clear violation of international law, international humanitarian and human rights laws as well as the United Nations resolutions and, more importantly, the principles of humanity.

The tabling of this draft resolution represents yet another instance of U.S. support for Israel's narrative of the conflict justifying its aggression towards the Palestinians. This draft is a deceptive attempt to deflect the attention of the international community from the root causes of Middle East conflict, i.e. the occupation of Palestinian Territory. The U.S. initiative intends to undermine sustained strong international support for the realization of the cause of Palestine. It tries to disregard relevant UN resolutions adopted over decades in support of the full realization of the Palestinian's rights. Therefore, it not only targets Hamas but also multilateralism and the long-standing support rendered to the Palestinian peoples by the United Nations and its Member States.

The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the draft resolution. We will vote against this draft resolution and urge all Member States to do likewise and to say NO to its adoption. We recognize Hamas as a legitimate resistance movement fighting for the liberation of Palestinian territory from foreign occupation. Hamas is a part and parcel of the Palestinian people and defends the Palestinian civilians against Israeli military aggression. By any measure, this is an inherent legitimate right under international law.

Moreover, during the recent years, Hamas has consistently played a significant and responsible role in the maintenance of security in the Gaza Strip and has been committed to the elements of the 2014 ceasefire agreement. Therefore, adopting any decision against Hamas will only serve the occupying regime's interests. Adoption of such a distorted draft resolution will also further embolden the Israeli regime in continuing its years-long brutal blockade of Gaza thus deteriorating the already dire humanitarian crisis there. It will also send a very erroneous and frustrating message to the Palestinians, in particular in Gaza.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved through coercion, intimidation or discriminatory and selective policies. Condemning the legitimate struggle of the Palestinians against occupation is illegal, illegitimate and void of political wisdom, which is therefore unacceptable. Any solution to this crisis requires the termination of the occupation, restoration of all the inalienable rights of the Palestinians, including their right to return, to self-determination and to establish their own independent and viable State of Palestine with Al-Quds al-Sharif as its capital.

Despite all of the brutalities and recklessness committed by Israel along with the unwavering support, plots and plans of the U.S. in this regard, we are confident that all such rights will be realized and the force of logic will prevail over the logic of force.

I Thank you, Madam President.

Consulates-General in Jerusalem

Country – Date Established - Location

British Consulate-General –1838 – East Jerusalem

France Consulate-General – 1843 –West Jerusalem

US Consulate-General - 1844 –East Jerusalem (now Embassy)

Spain Consulate-General - 1854 – East Jerusalem

Greece Consulate-General – 1862 – West Jerusalem

Italy Consulate-General – 1871 – West Jerusalem

Sweden Consulate-General - 1903- East Jerusalem

Belgium Consulate-General - 1850 (Hon Consul) – 1909 (Consul) – East Jerusalem

Turkey Consulate-General - 1925 – East Jerusalem

Apostolic Delegation of the Holy See in Jerusalem and Palestine – 1948 - East Jerusalem

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Good afternoon. Today could be a historic day at the United Nations. Or it could be just another ordinary day.

Today could be a day in which the UN General Assembly unconditionally speaks out with moral clarity against one of the most obvious and grotesque cases of terrorism in the world. Or it could be a day in which it refuses to do that.

Ladies and gentlemen, last Friday the General Assembly approved six resolutions condemning Israel in a single day. Six. In an average year, the UN votes against Israel 20 times. Over the years, the UN has voted to condemn Israel over 500 times.

That's what an ordinary day at the UN looks like.

Much as the United States finds that record appalling, no one can question whether the UN is on record in its hostility toward the State of Israel.

But for good measure, there will be another vote this afternoon that gives everyone another chance to put themselves on record in a way that goes against Israel.

The question before us now is something very different. The question before us now is whether the UN thinks terrorism is acceptable if, and only if, it is directed at Israel. That is something we should all think deeply about.

The resolution we have before us does not comment about the specifics of any peace agreement. As I have said, the UN has commented hundreds of times on what it would like to see in a peace agreement, and it will do it again later today. What this resolution does is stand for a foundational element of peace. That foundation is the rejection of terrorism, because we all know there can be no peace without a mutual agreement that terrorism is unacceptable.

Let's talk about some of the activities of Hamas, an entity designated by the United States, the European Union, and others as a terrorist organization. Hamas' charter openly calls for the destruction of Israel. Its statements continually repeat that goal.

Over the years, Hamas has used several barbaric terrorist attacks. Initially, they used suicide bombers. In the 1990s and early 2000s, Hamas members armed with bombs boarded Israeli buses and entered Israeli restaurants and detonated themselves, killing hundreds of innocent civilians and injuring thousands more.

Since then, they moved toward firing rockets indiscriminately into Israel from Gaza. They have launched thousands of them in the last five years, including more than 400 in a two-day period just last month. Neighborhoods were targeted. A bus was hit by an anti-tank missile.

More recently, Hamas tactics have changed again, as it has adopted still more methods of killing Israeli civilians and damaging Israeli civilian property. They have launched flaming kites and balloons by the thousands, often with Nazi symbols on them, into Israeli civilian areas. This is the classic case of terrorism.

And yet, throughout all of this, the United Nations has never once passed a resolution condemning Hamas. Never. Over 700* resolutions condemning Israel and not one single resolution condemning Hamas. That, more than anything else, is a condemnation of the United Nations itself.

Today – in this moment – the United Nations can change that awful record.

The world is coming to recognize the dangerous and troubling rise in anti-Semitism around the globe. The UN Secretary-General has forcefully spoken out against it, as have many heads of state and parliaments around the world.

And yet, what the UN chooses to do today will speak volumes about each country's seriousness when it comes to condemning anti-Semitism. Because there is nothing more anti-Semitic than saying terrorism is not terrorism when it's used against the Jewish people and the Jewish State. There is nothing more anti-Semitic than saying we cannot condemn terrorism against Israel, while we would not hesitate for one minute to condemn the same acts if they were taken against any other country. I've watched countries that would never take such positions on their own come together here at the UN and abandon all sense of honesty, all sense of accuracy, and all sense of truth.

Today, we have an opportunity to change that. We can come together as a unified, moral, and powerful force for peace that this institution's founders intended.

But if that's not enough to motivate you, then set aside for a moment the death and destruction Hamas has inflicted on Israel. Consider the suffering it has inflicted on the Palestinian people themselves. Hamas has been the de facto government of Gaza since 2007. And yet, after 11 years of Hamas rule, Gaza has electricity for only a few hours a day. Only 10 percent of its population has access to safe drinking water. Unemployment is approaching 50 percent and climbing – one of the highest unemployment rates in the entire world. Hamas uses torture and arbitrary arrests to punish its political opponents. It has made Gaza a police state. All while Hamas spends its resources – including UN resources – on rockets and terror tunnels.

The people who have suffered by far the most because of Hamas are the Palestinian people. For their sake, the world should speak out against the destruction of Hamas and what it continues to cause.

The resolution before us now would right a historic wrong. More importantly, it would put the General Assembly on the side of truth and balance in the effort to achieve peace in the Middle East. The resolution condemns Hamas rocket attacks on innocent civilians. It demands that Hamas and other militant groups end all violent attacks, including the use of flaming kites. And it also reaffirms the UN's support for a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace.

Before the General Assembly can credibly advocate compromise and reconciliation between the Palestinians and Israel, it must be on record unambiguously and unconditionally condemning Hamas terrorism. Regardless of what any country in this chamber today thinks a future peace settlement should look like, support for this resolution is an essential step to achieving it.

Peace must be built on truth.

I want to take a personal moment and ask my Arab brothers and sisters: is the hatred that strong? Is the hatred toward Israel so strong that you'll defend a terrorist organization, one that is directly causing harm to the Palestinian people? Isn't it time to let that go? For true peace and security in the entire region, isn't it time for both sides to let this go?

For the sake of peace, and for the sake of this institution, I respectfully urge my colleagues to support the United States' resolution.

Thank you.

List of Honorary Consuls in Jerusalem

State	Type of consular office – e.g. honorary consulate	Consular jurisdiction – e.g. Israel and/or Palestinian Territories	Address
Austria	Honorary consulate, MOLHO Isaac	West Jerusalem	Technology Park, Manahat Building No. 1, 96958, Jerusalem
Armenia	Honorary consulate Mr. Tsolak Momjian		Hayozma Str. 12, Atarot, Jerusalem 97800, Israel
Croatia	Honorary consulate Aaron G. Frenkel,		Shaarei Ha'ir Building, 5th Floor 216 Yaffo Street Jerusalem 94 383, Israel
Czech Republic	Honorary Consulate, Tatiana HOFFMANN		27, Reh. 29 November, apt. 4, 92 105 Jerusalem
Denmark	Honorary Consulate, Zvi Agmon		1 Agudat Sport Hapoel Rd. Technology Park Malcha, 3 Entry 4 fl. Jerusalem 92149
Estonia	Honorary Consulate, Mr Ami Sagy	Operating region: Jerusalem	Am Veolamo Str. 6 Jerusalem
Finland	Honorary Consulate, Yuval Yerushalmi		King David St. 19 94101 JERUSALEM ISRAEL
Georgia	Honorary Consulate, Yigal Amedi	Jerusalem Region, Jerusalem and Beit Shemesh	15 Kurazin street, Jerusalem, Israel
Hungary	HC	Unclear. Notes that the 'supervising mission' is Tel-Aviv	Jerusalem, 13 Diskin Str. Apt. 131 96440
Japan	Honorary consul general		
Moldova	HC	The Moldovan MFA website notes that an Honorary Consul was appointed in 2012 to 'Israel Central District, Municipality of Jerusalem'	Unclear
Philippines	HC		Jerusalem Technology Park Building No. 9, 4th Floor Jerusalem
Poland	N/A		
Romania	N/A		
Slovakia	HC	To Israel. Consular region is defined as Jerusalem.	Rechov Klein 6 City Area German Colony 931 03 Jerusalem

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Ukraine	HC	To Israel. The consular boundaries are defined as: 'City of Jerusalem'	1 George Washington St., Jerusalem 94187 State of Israel
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From: s22
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Hello s22

As discussed, I'm just emailing to confirm today's meeting between Secretary Moraitis and Jon Philp. For now, are you happy to confirm 5:30-6pm at AGD? I'll discuss the possibility of starting from 5:20pm with Jon when he is available.

Please let me know if you or Secretary Moraitis would like any more information or have any questions.

Kind regards

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