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Palestinian-backed resolution fails at U.N. Security Council

The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday rejected a resolution that would have called for Israelis and Palestinians to strike a peace deal within a year and for Israel to withdraw to its 1967 borders within three years—a blow to Palestinians seeking to increase pressure on the government of Benjamin Netanyahu. The resolution fell one vote short of the nine necessary for passage, sparing the Obama administration, which opposed the measure, the need to wield its veto power on the council. After the vote, Samantha Power, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the administration's opposition to the resolution stemmed from its belief that peace will come through a negotiated agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, not through a "staged confrontation."

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