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U.S. Vetoes Anti-Israel U.N. Security Council Resolution

On December 18, the United States vetoed an anti-Israel United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) objecting to the U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Following the vote, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley explained that “for the simple act of deciding where to put our embassy, the United States was forced to defend its sovereignty. The record will reflect that we did so proudly. Today, for acknowledging a basic truth about the capital city of Israel, we are accused of harming peace. The record will reflect that we reject that outrageous claim. For these reasons, and with the best interests of both the Israeli and the Palestinian people firmly in mind, the United States votes ‘no’ on this resolution.” The resolution comes almost one year after the United States abstained from, rather than vetoed, from a vote on anti-Israel UNSCR 2334. “Given the chance to vote again on Resolution 2334, I can say with complete confidence that the United States would vote ‘no,’” Haley proclaimed during a UNSC Middle East briefing. “We would exercise our veto power. The reasons why are very relevant to the cause of peace in the Middle East.”

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