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## **Entire Senate Issues Bipartisan Call to End Anti-Israel Bias at the U.N.**

On April 27, the U.S. Senate unanimously urged U.N. Secretary General António Guterres to end the United Nations' anti-Israel bias. In a bipartisan letter led by Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Chris Coons (D-DE), the entire Senate pressed the Secretary General "to engage member states in a comprehensive effort to directly confront and root out this bias." The letter notes, "While much good is being done and has been done by the body, many of its member states and agencies are using the U.N.'s privileged platform to advance an anti-Israel agenda." The letter continues, "Although, as Republicans and Democrats, we disagree on many issues, we are united in our desire to see the United Nations improve its treatment of Israel and to eliminate anti-Semitism in all its forms." The senators call upon the Secretary General "to pursue a comprehensive effort" to improve the U.N.'s treatment of Israel in several areas. Noting that the United States is the "U.N.'s principal founding member and its largest contributor," the letter concludes by making clear to the Secretary General that the current situation targeting Israel "must change."