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## **United States Opposes Biased U.N. Human Rights Council Resolution on Gaza**

On May 18, the United States opposed a one-sided, anti-Israel United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolution to establish an investigation into Israel's actions to defend its citizens from Hamas-initiated riots at the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, as reported in AIPAC's News Hub. The UNHRC convened this meeting solely to address Israel's response to the recent unrest in Gaza and the West Bank. As the meeting concluded, the body voted to approve the biased resolution with 29 votes in favor, 2 votes against and 14 abstentions. The United States and Australia were the two countries that voted against it. Following the vote, U.S. Representative to the UNHRC Theodore Allegra criticized the measure and the Council, stating: "This is yet one more example of the Human Rights Council's biased focus on Israel. The continued insistence of this body to focus more attention on Israel than on any other member state calls into question the credibility of this body." Allegra added, "The resolution's one-sided focus, without any call for investigation of Hamas and without any blame cast upon Hamas for the current bloodshed, is unacceptable, and it is wrong."

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