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## Reject the Anti-Israel UN Resolution

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The United States has long recognized that a solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict can only come about through direct, bilateral negotiations between the two parties. That's why it is longstanding U.S. policy to veto one-sided or anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations Security Council—including resolutions that put binding parameters on the peace process or final status issues. The United States has vetoed 42 anti-Israel resolutions since 1972.

In December, the Obama Administration broke with this longstanding U.S. policy and ignored H.Con.Res 165, which overwhelmingly passed the House weeks earlier, by failing to veto UN Security Council Resolution 2334. This dangerous and counterproductive resolution effectively states that the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem and the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, are "occupied territory." It also lends legitimacy to efforts by the Palestinian Authority to impose a solution through international organizations like the UN, as well as unjustified and harmful boycotts and divestment campaigns against Israel. By doing so, the resolution hurts the prospects for peace.

UN Security Council Resolution 2334 does not address the Palestinian Authority's failure to end incitement of hatred and violence against Israelis—including by senior PA officials. Nor does it address the Palestinian Authority's continued payments to the families of those who commit acts of terrorism or violence against Israel—reportedly \$300 million this year alone. The UN resolution did not directly call upon Palestinian leadership to fulfill their obligations toward negotiations or recognize that part of an eventual Palestinian state is currently controlled by Hamas, a designated terrorist organization.

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- *Opposes* United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 and calls for its repeal.
- *Makes clear* that the Obama Administration's failure to veto this resolution violated longstanding U.S. policy to protect Israel from such one-sided UN resolutions.
- *Highlights* that this resolution undermines the prospect of Israelis and Palestinians resuming productive, direct negotiations.
- *Warns* that any future measures at the UN or at the upcoming Paris conference to impose an agreement or parameters—especially recognition of a Palestinian state—is dangerous and must be rejected.
- *Provides* the foundation for the next Administration to move forcefully to counteract the dangerous effects of UN Security Council Resolution 2334.