



## ICEJ Canada statement re: Canada's support for UN anti-Israel Resolution A/C.3/74/L.58

ICEJ-Canada is disappointed in Canada's switch after ten years of supporting Israel to now render its support for an anti-Israel UN resolution which was sponsored by the "State of Palestine", North Korea, Egypt, Nicaragua, and Zimbabwe. The Resolution calls for a "just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement" to the Israel-Palestine conflict, and explicitly refers to "Occupied Palestinian Territories."

There are no occupied Palestinian territories as Israel has an historic claim to its ancestral lands which has been rejected by the Palestinian leadership since 1948, thus forcing it to strategically defend itself from obliteration.

UN Resolution A/C.3/74/L.58 urges the international community to "support and assist the Palestinian people in the early realization of their right to self-determination."

Israel has not attempted to block the Palestinian people from self-determination but the other way around. Israel has been fighting for its existence as a Jewish state from its founding. To support UN Resolution A/C.3/74/L.58 is to risk justifying and strengthening the Palestinian resistance to "free Palestine" from "the River to the Sea."

Israel's ambassador to Canada, [Nimrod Barkan](#), stated "that his country intends to lodge a formal protest after Canada joined 165 other countries by voting Yes" to the anti-Israel Resolution; and that "It was a surprise ... we had no inclination or hint that Canada would change its vote on the regular annual UN resolutions and we trusted Canada, knowing that this is a circus of anti-Israeli resolutions.

Head of the Geneva-based watchdog UN Watch, [Hillel Neuer](#), expressed a troubling trend of biases that have been building in Canada against Israel:

"The foreign ministry bureaucrats are more pro-Palestinian....Canadian diplomats want to join their European colleagues who routinely support General Assembly resolutions critical of Israel.. In addition — and this is important — the same establishment is vying for a UN Security Council seat, and it's understood that you win this prize by bribing Arab and Muslim nations with votes against Israel."

Reaction from the Canadian Jewish Community has been one of disappointment and surprise as it should be. Among those speaking out was [The Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs](#) (CIJA) which stated that Canada is "joining with the anti-Israel chorus at the UN".

[B'nai Brith](#) has issued the statement:

"In our view, the core of the conflict remains the refusal by Palestinian leaders and their supporters to recognize the Jewish People's indigenous ties to the Land of Israel. This is what the UN — and Canada — should be condemning....We call on Canada and the rest of the international community to press the Palestinian Authority to return to the negotiating table, and to stop harmful practices such as rewarding terrorists and their families."

Demonizing the State of Israel is a form of anti-Semitism of which ICEJ Canada condemns in the strongest terms.

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