

US and Israel 'Isolated' at UN Security Council Meeting on Jerusalem



New York, December 9 (RHC)-- In an emergency meeting convened by the United Nations Security Council on the crisis prompted by President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, the U.S. stood isolated as other members unanimously condemned the decision.

The meeting was called by Bolivia, Uruguay, Italy, Senegal, Egypt, France and the United Kingdom on Friday.

Bolivian Ambassador Sacha Llorenti offered the strongest words of condemnation. Llorenti is known for his outspoken support of the Palestinian people, having debated the issue at the U.N. wearing a Keffiyah: a black-and-white scarf that has become a symbol of Palestinian resistance.

"While there are two parties in this conflict, they are not on a level playing field," Llorenti said. "One is an occupying power, the other is an occupied people."

Other representatives, including France, Japan, Russia, and Sweden, expressed their dismay at the decision, saying that it would lead to violence and potentially ruin chances at the peace process that

President Trump claims to favor.

Egyptian Ambassador Amr Aboulatta said he expected the decision to have a "grave" impact on peace.

The U.N. special coordinator for the peace process, Nickolay Mladenov said: "The United Nations has repeatedly declared that any unilateral decision that seeks to alter the character and status of Jerusalem... could seriously undermine current peace efforts and may have repercussions across the region."

Despite resounding criticism from the rest of the international community, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley maintained that Trump's move was "simple common sense," and that the president remains "committed to achieving a lasting peace agreement." She also accused the U.N. of being "hostile" towards Israel.

Israel's ambassador was the only other party who praised the decision, calling it "courageous" and demonstrating a "true understanding of justice."

Since Trump's announcement, Palestinians have resolutely condemned the decision and erupted in mass "days of rage" protests. Palestinian resistance movement Hamas has called for a "new intifada," or uprising, against Israeli occupation, a plea backed by Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah.

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