

UN Security Council to vote resolution on Jerusalem



New York, December 18 (RHC)-- The UN Security Council is expected to vote on Monday on a draft resolution rejecting the establishment of diplomatic missions in Jerusalem, less than two weeks after the US decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

According to news reports, the Egyptian-drafted resolution calls on all UN member states not to move their missions to Jerusalem.

Trump declared Washington's new stance on December 6, saying at the time that the US would be moving its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

As it stood by Sunday night, the leaked text was a restatement of the UN's position on Jerusalem as outlined through decades of Security Council and General Assembly's resolutions.

It affirms "that any decisions and actions which purport to have altered, the character, status or demographic composition of the Holy City of Jerusalem have no legal effect, are null and void and must be rescinded in compliance with relevant resolutions of the Security Council".

The resolution, however, is widely expected to face a US veto, which would render it futile.

The Security Council consists of five permanent members: China, France, Russia, the UK and the US, as well as 10 non-permanent members. A veto from any of the five permanent members would block the resolution from passing.

Trump's declaration fueled widespread anger and protests within Palestine and across the world, with the latest and largest demonstration taking place on Monday in the Indonesian capital Jakarta, where some 80,000 people rallied outside the US embassy in the city.

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