

# *Arab League Condemns U.S. Veto of UN Security Council Resolution on Jerusalem*

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Cairo, December 20 (RHC)-- The Arab League has lashed out at the U.S. for vetoing a UN Security Council resolution which called for annulment of Washington's controversial recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. On Tuesday, Arab League Secretary General Ahmed Abul Gheit expressed discontent over the U.S. veto against the draft, saying the measure will lead Washington's isolation.

Abul Gheit noted that using the veto right against other 14 UNSC member states reveals Washington's flagrant defiance of a clear international consensus over the issue. He said the Arab countries will present the draft resolution to the United Nations General Assembly under the Article 377, "Uniting for Peace," to make it mandatory for all member states.

Under the Uniting for Peace resolution, if the permanent members of the UN Security Council fail to take the required actions to maintain international peace and security due to a lack of unanimity, the General Assembly should immediately consider the matter and issue the necessary recommendations.

Fourteen members of the 15-member council voted in favor of the Egyptian-drafted resolution, which did not specifically name the U.S. or U.S. President Donald Trump, but expressed "deep regret at recent

decisions concerning the status of Jerusalem,” while U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley wielded Washington’s veto against the call.

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