

United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Operating under the guise of peace-and-security-building, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) exploits its status to one-sidedly delegitimize Israel. Historically, the council has been institutionally set-up to purposefully demonize Israel.

One of many examples of the UNSC's anti-Israel bias, the passage of UNSC Resolution 2334 was part of an ongoing attempt to delegitimize Israel and disregard predetermined methods of achieving peace.

- The vote passed 14-0, with no country enacting its veto power in spite of the resolution's outrageous claims, demonstrating the UNSC's blatant anti-Israel bias.¹
 - The United States' consistently objects to the international community meddling in negotiations that are supposed to be bilateral.² Despite this, the Obama Administration failed to stop UN Resolution 2334 from occurring when it enlisted its veto power, disregarding long-standing U.S. foreign policy.³
 - Rather than encouraging bilateral alliances, **the UNSC unilaterally dominates and stifles the peace process.**
- The resolution constituted international interference that damaged the potential for bilateral negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA).⁴
 - The passage of UN Resolution 2334 **violates the terms of the Oslo Accords**, which strictly outline a direct negotiation process between Israel and the PA.⁵
- The resolution falsely asserts that Jewish communities located in Judea and Samaria (the 'West Bank') have no legal standing and "constitute [a] flagrant violation of international law."⁶
 - In reality, **Judea and Samaria legally belong to Israel**, which it won in the defensive 1967 Six-Day War.⁷
 - Jewish history is rooted in Judea and Samaria, with the title 'Judea' originating over 2,000 years ago by the Romans and other empires in reference to Israel.⁸

Historically, the UNSC furthers terror through one-sided decisions, thereby failing to live up to its expressed purpose of "maintain[ing] international peace and security."⁹

¹ StandWithUs. *UNSC Resolution 2334*.

² The Jerusalem Post. Tovah Lazaroff, Khaled Abu Toameh, Herb Keinon, and Maya Shwayder. *US: We Won't Support Palestinian UNSC Resolution On An Israeli Withdrawal*. December 18, 2014.

³ The Washington Post. Carol Morello and Ruth Eglash. *U.S. declines to veto U.N. Security Council resolution for Israel to stop Jewish settlement activity*. December 23, 2016.

⁴ Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Joseph Spoerl. *Understanding Resolution 2334: Did the Obama Administration Betray Israel at the UN?* March 14, 2017.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ United Nations. *Israel's Settlements Have No Legal Validity, Constitute Flagrant Violation of International Law, Security Council Reaffirms*. December 25, 2016.

⁷ CAMERA. Steven Stotsky. *The Six-Day War*. 2007.

⁸ Zionist Organization of America. *The Jewish People's Long History in Judea and Samaria (The "West Bank")*.

⁹ United Nations Security Council. *Functions and Powers*.

- The UNSC stigmatizes Israel -- the only democracy in the Middle East¹⁰ -- while protecting the interests of U.S.-designated terrorist organization Hamas.¹¹
 - In 2009, the UNSC's Resolution 1860 called for an "immediate, durable, and fully respected ceasefire" in Gaza¹² despite its understanding of the common trend that Hamas would disobey the ceasefire while Israel would honor it.¹³
 - **Hamas has a long history of violating terms of ceasefires.**¹⁴ It broke **11 ceasefires** during the course of 2014's Operation Protective Edge.¹⁵
 - As a result of Hamas' sustained rocket fire,¹⁶ Israel was forced to defend itself against "murderous Palestinian organizations," as then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert keenly observed.¹⁷
 - Appropriately addressing the onslaught of Hamas' continued terror by protecting civilians and the mission,¹⁸ **Israel strictly abided by the moral military principles of distinction and proportionality.**¹⁹
 - Despite evidence of Hamas' terror attacks against Israel,²⁰ **the UNSC inaccurately cited Israel as having "launched a major offensive"** when, in reality, Israel took *defensive* measures to ensure its security.
- Along with the UNSC, its parent organization the United Nations General Assembly demonstrates overt anti-Israel bias through its excessive number of resolutions condemning Israel, proving its one-sided manipulation of the council.
 - Despite his usual anti-Israel bias, former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon even admitted that "**decades of political maneuverings have created a disproportionate volume of resolutions, reports and conferences criticizing Israel. In many cases, rather than helping the Palestinian cause, this reality has hampered the ability of the UN to fulfill its role effectively.**"²¹
 - Throughout its existence, the **United Nations has submitted 226 resolutions critical of Israel**²² while neglecting to pass more than 8 against lethal Bashar al-Assad's inhumane Syrian regime²³ that has massacred over 500,000 civilians.²⁴

¹⁰ The Jerusalem Post. Michael Wilner. 'Israel Only Free State In The Middle East,' *Report Finds*. February 2, 2017.

¹¹ U.S. Department of State. *Foreign Terrorist Organizations*.

¹² United Nations Security Council. *Resolution 2334 (2016)*. December 23, 2016.

¹³ United with Israel. *Hamas Ceasefire Violations: A Chronology*. August 20, 2014.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *Protective Edge: Hamas' violations of ceasefires - A chronology*. August 19, 2014.

¹⁶ United Nations. *Security Council Calls for Immediate, Durable, Fully Respected Ceasefire in Gaza Leading to Full Withdrawal of Israeli Forces*. January 8, 2009.

¹⁷ BBC. *UN Ceasefire Call Goes Unheeded*. January 9, 2009.

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ The State of Israel. *The Operation in Gaza | 27 December 2008 - 18 January 2009 | Factual and Legal Aspects*. Page 35. July 2009.

²⁰ United Nations. *Security Council Calls for Immediate, Durable, Fully Respected Ceasefire in Gaza Leading to Full Withdrawal of Israeli Forces*. January 8, 2009.

²¹ The Jerusalem Post. Danielle Ziri. *Ban Ki-Moon Recognizes Bias Against Israel in Last Security Council Speech*. December 16, 2016.

²² SethFrantzman.com. Seth J. Frantzman. *Abstaining From History: Here's All the UN Resolutions On Israel the UN Abstained On*. December 24, 2016.

²³ Danielle Ziri. The Jerusalem Post. *Ban Ki-Moon Recognizes Bias Against Israel in Last Security Council Speech*. December 16, 2016.

²⁴ ARZA. *ARZA's Response to UN Security Council Resolution 2334*. 2016.