

**Subject: Fwd: U.S. Embassy Decision**

As you know, the General Assembly is considering a resolution about President Trump's recent decision on Jerusalem. As you consider your vote, I want you to know that the President and U.S. take this vote personally.

Twenty-two years ago, the U.S. Congress declared that Jerusalem should be recognized as the capital of Israel, and that the U.S. Embassy should be located in Jerusalem. President Trump affirmed that declaration by officially recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. However, the President's announcement did not prejudice final status negotiations in any way, including the specific boundaries of Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem. The President also made sure to support the status quo at Jerusalem's holy sites, and did not advocate changes to the arrangements at the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif.

The U.S. announcement is an acknowledgement that peace is best advanced, not set back, when all parties are honest with each other about the basic facts. Jerusalem has been the capital of Israel since the country's founding nearly seventy years ago. The President's honest assessment of this reality does not foreclose any of the options considered by Israelis and Palestinians for decades. The President clearly voiced support for a two-state solution if that's what the parties agree to, and he reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to peace.

I know that many in the General Assembly are also committed to the cause of peace, and I ask that you consider whether a GA resolution contributes to that cause or fuels the heated rhetoric and violence. To be clear, we are not asking that other countries move their embassies to Jerusalem, though we think it would be appropriate. We are simply asking that you acknowledge the historical friendship, partnership, and support we have extended and respect our decision about our own embassy.

The President will be watching this vote carefully and has requested I report back on those countries who voted against us. We will take note of each and every vote on this issue. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact my team with any questions or concerns.

My Very Best,

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