

# Palestinian statehood bid at UN

## UN SECURITY COUNCIL

■ Palestinian President **Mahmoud Abbas** expected to submit request for admission of Palestinian member state to UN Secretary General **Ban Ki Moon** on September 20

■ For admission to be put to vote at General Assembly, Security Council needs to approve it with nine votes out of 15 and no veto from any of permanent members. U.S. says it will veto application

Permanent members with power of veto  
Britain, China, France, Russia, U.S.



Elected members with no power of veto  
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Colombia, Germany, Gabon, India, Lebanon, Nigeria, Portugal, S. Africa

## UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

■ Alternative option is to put forward resolution asking to upgrade Palestinian status from “non-member observer entity” to “non-member observer state” – as held by Vatican

■ Favourable vote would allow Palestinians to join UN agencies – such as *WHO* and *UNESCO* – and *International Criminal Court*, where they could possibly launch legal action to challenge occupation of territory by Israel



Approval requires two-thirds majority  
– 129 votes if all 193 members are present



To date, 122 members of General Assembly recognise Palestine but Palestinians hope to gain support of up to 150