

# Hidden consequences of Palestine UN bid

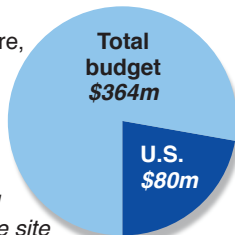
For Palestinians, joining UNESCO is the first step towards international recognition – but the move also has implications for the rest of the world. A 1994 U.S. law means the country must withdraw from any international organisation which accepts Palestine as a full member state



## UNESCO:

Science, culture, educational collaboration

*Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity may be designated World Heritage site*

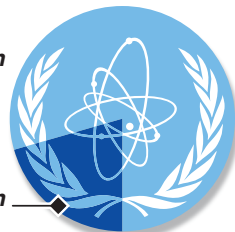


Also expected to seek membership of 16 other organisations from which U.S. would be forced to withdraw

## International Atomic Energy

**Agency:** Critical role in prevention of nuclear proliferation. Withdrawal would lead to loss of U.S. seat on executive board in any future nuclear crisis

*IAEA budget 2011 – \$453m*



## World Intellectual Property

**Organisation:** Sets global copyright and patent standards, adjudicates disputes – vital for U.S. economic interests

*U.S. \$65m*

## World Health Organisation:

Coordinating global health policy, countering spread of infectious disease

*WHO members' contributions 2008 – \$470m*



## International Telecommunications Union, International Labour Org.

Automatically gains membership of International Civil Aviation Org., UN Industrial Development Org.

*U.S. \$107m*