

Palestinians seek UN vote to end occupation

Palestinian officials are planning to push for a UN Security Council vote on a resolution for ending Israeli occupation by November 2016 and recognition of a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders

For resolution to pass, Security Council needs to approve it with nine votes out of 15 and no veto from any of five permanent members

STRONG SUPPORT



Permanent members **China** and **Russia** in favour of Palestinian statehood. **Jordan** is backing resolution. **Chile** – believed to have largest Palestinian community outside Arab World – and **Chad** also likely to vote “yes”

AGAINST



Australia has not yet recognised Palestinian state. Likely to vote “no” to resolution

POSSIBLE VETO



United States is permanent member most likely to block resolution. However, relations between **Barack Obama** and Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** have been strained for some time. U.S. could be reluctant to isolate itself by going against move supported by many UN member states, including entire Arab world

POTENTIAL SUPPORT



Argentina, Nigeria and **Rwanda** recognise Palestine. **Lithuania, Luxembourg** and **South Korea** could decide outcome of vote

UNDECIDED



Permanent members **France** and **Britain** propose setting two-year time limit for completing Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. Could abstain from vote

FUTURE SUPPORT



Argentina, Australia, Luxembourg, Rwanda and South Korea replaced by five new non-permanent members in January 2015. **Malaysia** and **Venezuela** almost certain to back Palestinian resolution. Votes from **Angola, New Zealand** and **Spain** could also prove favourable

