

The Continuing Need to Economically Isolate Israel

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The Trump Plan for Gaza, adopted on November 17, 2025 as UN Security Council Resolution 2803, has been “unequivocally rejected” by Palestinian civil society, defenders of international law, and global advocates for human rights.(1) For all those who reject apartheid Israel’s genocidal campaign, and efforts to expand the borders of its Jewish ethnosectate at the expense of native Arab peoples, the non-violent efforts to economically isolate Israel continue.

With permanent members Russia and China abstaining, the 13 remaining members of the Security Council voted for the resolution. It authorizes a colonial Board of Peace (BoP), and an International Stabilization Force (ISF) to be deployed within the Gaza strip. Russia’s representative said that the tasks endowed to the ISF “could actually transform it into a party to the conflict”, while the representative from China said “Palestine is barely visible in the draft”.(2).

Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, addressed the mandate of the ISF and the legality of the BoP:

“The mandate to ‘secure borders,’ ‘protect civilians,’ and ‘decommission weapons,’ focuses almost exclusively on disarming Palestinian armed groups while doing nothing to end the root cause of the violence: Israel’s ongoing unlawful siege, occupation, racial segregation and apartheid, and ethnic cleansing.”

“A military force answering to a so-called ‘Board of Peace’ chaired by the President of the United States, an active party to this conflict that has continually provided military, economic and diplomatic support to the illegal occupying Power, is not legal,” the expert said. “It is a brazen attempt to impose, by threat of continued force against a virtually defenceless population, US and Israeli interests, plain and simple.”(3)

Safia Southey, an independent researcher specializing in post-conflict justice, writing for the American Society of International Law, offered this observation:

The resolution arrives sixteen months after the International Court of Justice’s (ICJ) sweeping Advisory Opinion declaring Israel’s continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) unlawful and affirming the Palestinian people’s inalienable right to self-determination. While the resolution’s proponents argue it offers a pragmatic exit from the devastating conflict, its adoption raises foundational questions about the Security Council’s authority to re-engineer governance arrangements in occupied territory without the consent of the people concerned.(4)

Lima Bustami, Director of the Legal Department at the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, wrote on X(twitter):

Once again, the UN chose colonialism over liberation. Its new Resolution 2803 liquidates Palestinian rights, whitewashes Israel’s crimes, cements occupation, and openly mocks the ICJ’s order to end Israel’s unlawful presence unconditionally.(5)

Hamas, which remains the most popular political party in both Gaza and the West Bank (6), rejected Resolution 2803 in these words:

The resolution imposes an international guardianship mechanism on the Gaza Strip, which our people and their factions reject. It also imposes a mechanism to achieve the occupation's objectives, which it failed to accomplish through its brutal genocide. Furthermore, this resolution detaches the Gaza Strip from the rest of the Palestinian geography and attempts to impose new realities away from our people's principles and legitimate national rights, thereby depriving our people of their right to self-determination and the establishment of their Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.(7)

The greatest charade is that the Trump Plan offers any path to Palestinian statehood. The plan itself does not recognize Palestinian self determination as a right enshrined in the UN Charter, but merely an "aspiration" of the Palestinian people. Secretary of State Marco Rubio recently reiterated the long standing US position that potential statehood "must be negotiated with Israel". This pretense continues, even as Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu authorizes new settlements in the West Bank and declares "We are going to fulfill our promise that there will be no Palestinian state; this place belongs to us".(8) Meanwhile in Gaza, Eyal Zamir, Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defense Force, has declared the temporary 'yellow line' to be Israel's new border.(9)

The Trump Peace Plan for Gaza is doomed to failure. Israel will not stop unless it is made to stop. With the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa as precedent, civil society must economically isolate Israel. For Saint Paul Regional Water Services, this means the immediate termination of its contract with Waterfall Security Solutions.

The Committee to Cut the Waterfall Contract

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