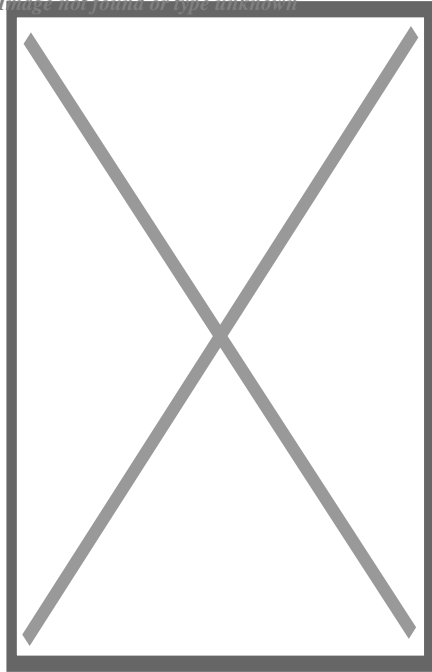


Chinese foreign minister says granting Palestine full UN membership is a move to rectify injustice

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United Nations, April 21 (RHC)-- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has described efforts to admit Palestine into the United Nations as a move "to rectify a prolonged injustice."

Wang made the remarks at a joint press conference with his Papua New Guinea counterpart on Saturday, as Israel's ongoing genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip continues unabated. "A prompt admission of Palestine into the United Nations is a move to rectify a prolonged historical injustice," the Xinhua news agency quoted Wang as saying.

The Chinese top diplomat's comments came after the United States predictably cast its veto against a bid by the Palestinian Authority (PA) for Palestine to be recognized as a full member of the United Nations.

On Thursday, the U.S. blocked the draft resolution that had been put to vote at the 15-member UN Security Council. Britain and Switzerland abstained, while the remaining 12 Council members voted yes.

The U.S. action has drawn condemnation from many countries, especially in the Muslim world.

The U.S. is a staunch opponent of Palestinian statehood, arguing that the United Nations is not the place for hashing out the status, which it says should be the result of an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Palestine is currently a Non-Member Observer State. An application to become a full UN member needs to be approved by the Security Council and then at least two-thirds of the UN General Assembly.

Washington's veto came amid the Israeli regime's October 7-present genocidal war on the Gaza Strip that has increased sympathy towards Palestinians and international calls for the recognition of the State of Palestine.

Since the start of the offensive on October 7th, the Tel Aviv regime has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

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