

UN General Assembly Overwhelmingly Calls on U.S. to Revoke Jerusalem Decision



United Nations, December 21 (RHC)-- The United Nations General Assembly has overwhelmingly voted in favor of a resolution that calls on the U.S. to withdraw its controversial recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli "capital."

The 193-nation assembly adopted the resolution on Thursday by a decisive vote of 128 to 9, with 35 abstentions.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif took to Twitter, hailing the vote as a "resounding" negative reply to U.S. President Donald Trump's "intimidation" in reference to his threat of reprisals against countries that support the measure.

Before the vote was held at the General Assembly, Trump had warned that "we're watching" -- threatening reprisals against countries that back the Jerusalem resolution.

A spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas also welcomed the Thursday development. "The vote is a victory for Palestine," said Nabil Abu Rdainah, who added, "We will continue our efforts in the

United Nations and at all international forums to put an end to this occupation and to establish our Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital."

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