

UN resolution calling for immediate Gaza ceasefire passes with overwhelming majority

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United Nations, October 27 (RHC)-- A resolution calling for a Gaza ceasefire has overwhelmingly passed the United Nations General Assembly.

One-hundred and twenty countries voted in favor of the non-binding resolution introduced by Jordan, while just 14 voted against, including the United States, Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Fiji, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Papua New Gineau, Paraguay and Tonga.

Forty-five countries abstained, including Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Iraq, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Sweden, Tunisia, Ukraine and the UK.

The resolution calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all civilians, the protection of civilians and international institutions, and ensuring the safe passage of humanitarian aid into the Strip.

The initiative is completely symbolic but highlights the overwhelming international support for the Palestinians amid Israel's brutal and genocidal military campaign.

Canada sought to have an amendment added to the resolution to include a condemnation of Hamas, and a majority of members backed the proposal, but it fell short of the two-thirds majority needed in order to be adopted.

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