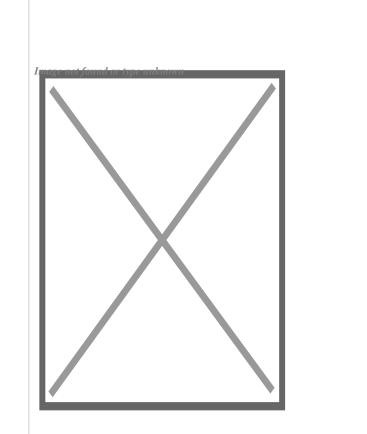# U.S. secretly pressing UN Security Council members into voting against full Palestinian statehood

U.S. ambassdor to the UN votes against ceasefire in Gaza

United Nations, April 18 (RHC)-- The United States is reported to be secretly pushing members of the UN Security Council into rejecting Palestine's bid to become a full member of the world body. The revelation was reported on Wednesday by The Intercept, an on-line American news organization, which cited "unclassified U.S. State Department cables" for its report.

Opposing the statehood on the part of the Council's member states would obviate a U.S. veto of the prospect, the cables showed.   "We…urge you not to support any potential Security Council resolution recommending the admission of 'Palestine' as a UN member state, should such a resolution be presented

to the Security Council for a decision in the coming days and weeks," one cable read.

The countries being railroaded into rejecting the statehood include Malta, the Council's rotating president. Ecuador in particular is being asked to lobby Malta and other nations, including France, to oppose UN recognition.

Another cable said: "Ecuador would not want to appear isolated (alone with the United States) in its rejection of a 'Palestine' resolution."

Members of the UN Security Council have failed to reach a consensus on the Palestinian bid to become a full member state of the United Nations -- with the United States carrying the veto to block any possible passage.

A vote on the statehood could be held on April 18, brought forth by Algeria, which represents Arab nations on the Security Council.

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

Last Friday, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong defended her remarks that she made earlier this week that was seen as a hint that Australia could recognize the Palestinian statehood in the near-term.

On Wednesday, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said that Spain was "ready to recognize the Palestinian state."

Ireland is also pushing for recognition of the Palestinians' rights with Taoiseach Simon Harris advocating for Palestine's statehood.

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