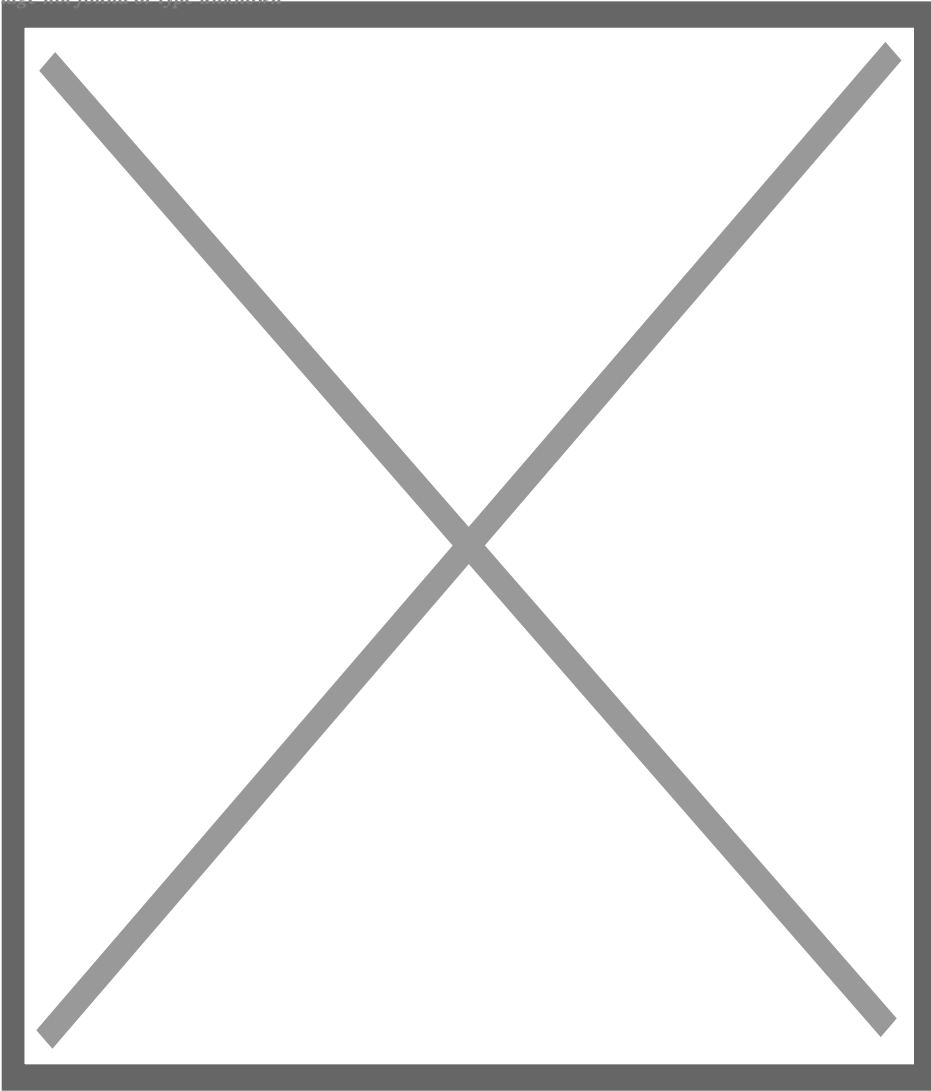


EU foreign policy chief says all European bloc member states should find common position on Palestinian statehood recognition

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Brussels, May 23 (RHC)-- European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell has urged the 27-member bloc to seek a "common EU position" on recognizing the Palestinian state, after Spain and Ireland joined Norway in recognizing the Palestinian statehood.

"Within the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, I will relentlessly work with all Member States to promote a common EU position based on a 2-state solution," Borrell said in a post on X on Wednesday.

The move by Spain, Ireland and Norway has already infuriated the Israeli regime that recalled its ambassadors from the Dublin and Oslo. Israeli authorities have said they would also recall the regime's ambassador from Madrid.

In a significant development, the UN General Assembly earlier this month backed a Palestinian bid to become a full UN member by recognizing it as qualified to join and recommending the UN Security Council "reconsider the matter favorably."

The historic vote by the 193-member UNGA highlights the growing international recognition of Palestine as a state. Palestine has already been a member of several international organizations, including the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Moreover, it has been a non-member observer state of the UN since 2012.

Last month, the United States, the Israeli regime's biggest ally, vetoed a bid by the Palestinian Authority (PA) for Palestine to be recognized as a full UN member.

The U.S. argues 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 -- which, of course, will never come.

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