

UNGA Resolution for Palestine's UN Membership Bid

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The <u>United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)</u> voted in favour of the resolution granting new "**rights and privileges**" **to Palestine** and called on the <u>Security Council</u> to reconsider its request to become the **194**th **member of the United Nations.**

- The resolution "determines" that the state of Palestine is qualified for membership and recommends the Security Council reconsider its request "favourably."
 - The resolution grants Palestine the right to speak on all issues, propose agenda items, and participate in UN and international conferences, but explicitly states that Palestine does not have the right to vote in the General Assembly.
- India voted in favour of the UN resolution recommending Palestine for full UN membership.
 - Despite opposition from the US, the resolution received 143 votes in favour, signalling
 a global push for Palestine's status upgrade within the UN.
- Palestinian first delivered the application for UN membership in 2011, which failed to garner the required support in the Security Council.
 - Subsequently, the General Assembly upgraded Palestine's status to a non-member observer state in 2012, allowing participation in international organisations like the International Criminal Court.
 - The renewed push for full Palestinian membership in the UN comes as the war in Gaza has put the more than 75-year-old <u>Israeli-Palestinian conflict</u> at centre stage.

How a State becomes a member of United Nations

Country submits application to UN Secretary-General The UN "is open to all other peace-loving States which accept the obligations contained in the present UN Charter and, in the judgment of the Organization, are able Security Council considers application and willing to carry out these obligations." Required: Nine affirmative votes from SC and no veto or negative vote from any of five permanent members If application passes through Security Council, it goes to the General Assembly Required: Resolution for membership must get two-thirds votes Membership becomes effective On the date the resolution for admission is adopted

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