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### France

Although some say the Palestinians returning to Israel's land will be a threat to the Jewish state of the country, France believes that the Palestinians should be able to return and be recognized as their own state and be able to run their own government.

The ongoing conflict between whether the Palestinians should be allowed back to the land in Israel has been argued for years upon years. There was recently a resolution that was proposed, the following article, *Israel to Call in French Envoy to Protest Vote in UN Security Council*, by Herb Keinon and Maya Shwayder, paraphrases what this resolution suggested; “The Palestinian resolution called for a full Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines within three years, and the establishment of a Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital” (Keinon). The issue began when the Palestinians were forced out of their homeland and their land was slowly taken away from them, until they barely had any left and were unwillingly pushed into Israel's surrounding countries, including Jordan, Egypt, and Syria, among others. This resulted in tension between Israel and their enemies do to the overpopulating towns that were now forced into even worse conditions. The Palestinian people are now living in overcrowded and poverty driven towns. France believes that in order for this problem to meet an ultimate solution, both sides of the argument must be willing to make negotiations or else consensus will never be met. France

believes that if consensus is to be reached, it will benefit both countries if they compromise as stated in the article *France to Israel: We Backed Palestinians in Security Council to Prevent ICC Bid*, written by an Israeli news source; “He noted that the vote was not aimed against Israel, but an effort to prevent further unilateral steps that would strengthen extremists on both sides” (France). France did not make this vote to produce anger in Israel, but rather to dissolve some of the tension in the middle-east, and promote Palestine as its own country. France believes that the Palestinians should have the right to be recognized as it’s own state and run its own government with secure borders between them and Israel.

The solution to this issue that will be the most beneficial is to allow the Palestinians back to the pre-1967 borders and recognize them as a state with secure borders between them and Israel. The Article *Israel / Palestine* from the website France at the United Nations declares; “France is working within the relevant UN bodies to promote an agreement on the establishment of a viable, modern, democratic, independent Palestinian state living in peace alongside Israel within secure and recognized borders” (Israel). If a resolution including the same information were to be passed, Israel would be able to keep their Jewish state of the country, not putting a threat to one of the most important aspects of the countries morals. As well as this, Palestine would be allowed to run their own government and have land to themselves which will please them, resulting in benefits for both sides of the argument. If the Palestinians are allowed back, this will also release some of the tension being built up between neighboring countries of Israel. The article *What Does a French Vote Really Mean for Palestine?* by Alain Gresh stated, “On November 29, the French parliament convened to discuss a motion on the recognition of the

State of Palestine by France. On December 2, it voted “yes” with 339 to 151 votes in favour of symbolic motion to recognize Palestine as a state" (Gresh). Although this resolution did not pass with the majority vote, France’s vote means that they support the retreating of Israel and believes that the Palestinians should be recognized as their own state. This way Israel will be able to keep the Jewish state of their country and the Palestinians will be allowed their own rights, a beneficial solution for both sides.

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