

Western nations push for 'Palestine' at UN, Israeli experts urge strong response

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Arsen Ostrovsky: Israel must make clear to other countries, as they have already, that they will not sit idly by in the face of unilateral recognitions of a Palestinian state. Israel did well to reject French President Emmanuel Macron's recent request to visit Israel, and to revoke visas for Australian representatives in Ramallah.

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It is imperative to stress that under international law, primarily the Montevideo Convention of 1933, statehood requires a permanent population, defined territory, effective governance, and the capacity to enter into relations with other states.

The Palestinians meet none of these criteria. Hamas are still the de-facto rulers in Gaza, while Abbas has not held elections in 20 years. Final borders have not been negotiated.

