



Security Council adoption resolution on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, 25 March 2024

Explanation of Vote [After the Vote]: **ADOPTED**

Thank you, President.

At the outset, I would like to express our condolences to the Russian Federation for the atrocious terrorist attack of the last week. We condemn all terrorism in all its forms.

Malta was proud to co-pen this resolution, which we have just adopted, which calls for a ceasefire for the month of Ramadan leading to a lasting sustainable ceasefire.

With this resolution, the Security Council has clearly spoken out on the urgent and pressing need to stop the fighting. This is critical to alleviate the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.

This resolution must now be immediately and unconditionally implemented by all parties. The fighting needs to stop without further delays. All hostages must be safely released.



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On this occasion, we also express our appreciation and support for ongoing negotiations by Egypt, Qatar, and the United States. We sincerely hope that these diplomatic efforts can lead to tangible results in the coming days.

Meanwhile, humanitarian access to the Gaza Strip is of critical importance to avert the risk of famine. There is an urgent need to expand the flow of humanitarian assistance and in demanding the lifting of all barriers preventing the necessary humanitarian assistance, as requested by this resolution.

In closing, President, a sustainable ceasefire must also be accompanied by a political urgency to build a durable foundation for peace.

Malta reaffirms its commitment to a just and comprehensive resolution of the conflict based on a two-State Solution along the pre-1967 borders, addressing the legitimate aspirations of both sides, with Jerusalem as the future Capital of two states, Israel and Palestine, living side-by-side in peace and security, in line with the relevant Security Council resolutions and internationally agreed parameters.



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I thank you.