



## UNGA Debate on Agenda Item 63: Use of the Veto 20 November 2024

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President

We thank you for convening today's important debate on the implementation of Resolution 76/262. As part of the core-group, Malta aligns itself with the cross-regional statement delivered by Liechtenstein and would like to add the following remarks in its national capacity.

President

Through the adoption of Resolution 76/262, a process was launched to strengthen accountability on the use of the veto in the Security Council, while highlighting the mutually reinforcing relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly.



The initiative led to the establishment of a mechanism that allows the wider UN Membership to discuss, scrutinise, and express its views on situations where the Council is unable to act due to the use of the veto.

Malta reiterates its steadfast support to this Resolution. For the last two years, it has fostered greater transparency and accountability of the Council to the wider UN Membership.

This Resolution is a reminder that the power to veto also brings great responsibility with it. Malta remains concerned about the frequent use of the veto which hampers the Council's ability to address critical issues.

Just last Monday and this morning, the Council could not act on advancing the protection of civilians in Sudan, and on calling for a ceasefire in Gaza due to the use of the veto.



President

We underline that the discussion on the reform of the use of the veto is exclusively addressed through the IGN Framework, which is the sole and legitimate avenue where all five clusters of reform of the Security Council are discussed and agreed upon.

The Pact for the Future offers a critical roadmap for advancing this conversation. Through the Pact for the Future, we have committed to address the future of the veto, including discussions on limiting its scope and use, as well as the improving further the relationship between the Security Council and the General Assembly.

We take this occasion to reiterate our support to the Code of Conduct of the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency (ACT) Group. In a similar vein, Malta endorses the French-Mexican initiative on veto restraint in the case of mass atrocities, as well as the Uniting for Peace Resolution.

These initiatives collectively reflect the growing consensus on the need for greater accountability in veto use.



President

As an elected member of the Security Council, Malta reiterates its support to a Council that ensures that its mandate to maintain international peace and security is upheld. This objective must not and cannot be undermined by the use of the veto, guided by national interest.

Resolution 76/262 and other initiatives are critical to ensure that the UN is fit for purpose and equipped to address today's complex challenges. Let us continue to work together to uphold the principles of the UN Charter, and advance our shared goal of a more effective and equitable multilateral system.

I thank you.