

Congressman Rothman Rebukes Palestinian Unilateral Declaration of State at the U.N. (VIDEO)

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Washington, DC – On September 21, 2011, Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ) delivered remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives rebuking the Palestinian unilateral declaration of state at the United Nations.

Madam Speaker, the Jewish State of Israel is essential to America's national security. The Jewish State of Israel guards the Mediterranean, the Suez Canal, and helps us with the oil and other activities in the Persian Gulf near Iran. Our relationship is mutually dependent, and so extremely important to both countries' vital national security.

But what's happening this week at the U.N.: the Palestinians are going to the U.N. to avoid negotiating a peace agreement with Israel. The Palestinians want the U.N. to do what they won't do, negotiate a peace agreement.

Yet the Palestinians are made up of Hamas and Fatah. Hamas is a terrorist group with the blood of innocent Americans on their hands. Hamas' charter says they will never recognize Israel's right to exist.

Fatah is coming to the U.N. through their President Abbas, even though President Obama and the Congress have said to go negotiate peace with Israel. Why would the Palestinians do that to the United States' vital national security interests, and America's best friend in the region, the Jewish State of Israel? They are refusing to make an agreement to live in peace with the Jewish State.

The Congress has spoken. We will withdraw aid from the Palestinians, and the Palestinian people will suffer. The Palestinian leadership must withdraw from the U.N. and go to the negotiating table without pre-conditions with the Jewish State of Israel.

Link to video of Congressman Rothman's Speech: <http://www.c->

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