



Press Release

***Pakistan urges UN Security Council to reconsider Palestine's
UN membership***

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Pakistan has urged the UN Security Council to reconsider and recommend Palestine's application for a full membership of the UN in line with the overwhelming global opinion. It said that such a step would rectify the historic injustice against the Palestinian people and pave the way for the establishment of the Two-State solution.

While taking part in the general debate in the UN General Assembly meeting on the use of veto on the admission of new members, Pakistan UN Ambassador, Munir Akram, said that diplomatic efforts being made for peace would get considerable momentum if the veto was lifted and Palestine's admission to the UN was approved by the Security Council.

He expressed gratitude to Mr. Dennis Francis for convening the meeting in accordance with resolution 76/262, which mandates the General Assembly President to call a meeting when a veto is cast in the Security Council.

Referring to the Israeli Prime Minister's recent statements, Ambassador Munir Akram warned of the serious consequences in case Israel went ahead with its plan to attack Rafah. He said the impunity granted to the apartheid Israeli regime had allowed it to flout UNSC resolution on ceasefire and ignore the provisional measures prescribed by the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Ambassador Akram asked the United Nations and the international community at large to enforce an immediate ceasefire in Gaza; guarantee unrestricted access to humanitarian aid; prevent further escalation of the conflict; provide international protection for the Palestinians; revive the peace process and hold Israel responsible for its war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Highlighting the vetoed resolution presented by Algeria on behalf of the Arab Group (document S/2024/312), Ambassador Akram underscored the injustice faced by the Palestinian people in their quest for full UN membership. He emphasized that while Israel, one of the partitioned states in 1947, is now a UN member, whereas Palestine continues to be denied admission despite meeting all criteria for membership.

Ambassador Akram outlined the plight of the Palestinian people over the past seven decades, including the denial of self-determination, expulsion from their homeland, and enduring a prolonged and brutal foreign occupation. He condemned Israel's recent war crimes in Gaza, which had resulted in the deaths of over 35,000 Palestinian civilians, indiscriminate bombing, and the blockade of humanitarian aid, which the International Court of Justice has deemed as "plausible genocide."