Israel Asks US to Nullify UNSC Settlement Resolution

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The Israeli Foreign Ministry appealed this week to US Envoy to the UN Nikki Haley to nullify [Security Council Resolution 2334](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4897550,00.html) which calls for an end to settlement construction while simultaneously declaring them illegal, both in the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem.

The issue was just one in a series of requests made to Haley, in an effort to garner American support in implementing a number of changes vis-a-vis the world body’s treatment of Israel.

Another central request put forth by the Israelis is to reduce the activities of UN bodies which dedicate significant, oftentimes disproportionate, resources and efforts toward the Palestinian issue. To this end, Israel has asked to slash the budget and manpower intended for such activities.

Moreover, the American are also asked to reduce the number of discussions held by the Security Council on Israel, which are currently held once a month.

Since taking on her new role, Haley has managed to earn the trust of many Israel supporters and build a reputation as one of Israel’s staunchest advocates on the international stage through a series of public [speeches and declarations](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4941558,00.html) admonishing the UN for its bias treatment against the country.

Relations between Washington and Jerusalem were severely strained in the waning days of the Obama administration, following its decision to abstain from the contentious UN Resolution 2334 vote last December. But since then, Haley has repeatedly indicated that the US is reverting back to its ‘no daylight’ policy with Israel, that “there is a new sheriff in town,” and that ‘the days of Israel bashing are over.”