

LA Jews for Peace Policy Statement

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Endorsement of the Gush Shalom Statement Calling for Further Action by U.N. Security Council

LA Jews for Peace endorses Gush Shalom's March 29 statement¹ that notes Israel is not complying with United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 2728 that demands an immediate 2-week ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza war. Gush Shalom goes further to demand a follow-on UNSC resolution to coerce Israel to comply with Resolution 2728.

Gush Shalom's statement titled "**The Security Council must take firm action!**" cites the U.N. Charter Chapter VII entitled "Action with Respect to Threats to the Peace, Breaches of the Peace, and Acts of Aggression." Gush Shalom summarizes:

"Should a country fail to comply with a Security Council resolution, the Security Council may call upon the Members of the United Nations to apply such measures as 'complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations.' It goes without saying that this would also include a call on all UN member states to cease any supply of weapons and munitions. Should the recalcitrant state continue its defiance, the Security Council may resort to even more severe sanctions."

Statements from Prime Minister Netanyahu, his ministers and senior military officers make it clear that Israel will not comply with resolution 2728. Gush Shalom asserts that "fully justifies and indeed requires the Security Council to go further and use - or at least threaten to use - the above measures placed at its disposal by the UN Charter."

In demanding further UNSC action, Gush Shalom recalls the precedent set when Iraq invaded Kuwait. UNSC Resolution 678 adopted in November 1990 demanded Iraq withdraw its forces from Kuwait by a set date, January 15, 1991, or Iraq would face severe sanctions. Iraq did not withdraw from Kuwait and over the next months the United States led a U.N. military force that expelled Iraq.

Gush Shalom calls for follow-on resolution to 2728 in which the UNSC sets a definite date by which Israel must comply and implement a complete and lasting ceasefire in the Gaza Strip. **LA Jews for Peace** seconds that call.

¹ Gush Shalom March 29, 2024 statement. <http://zope.gush-shalom.org/home/en/events/1464389870>.