

LA Jews for Peace Policy Statement

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Recognition of Palestine is a Move Towards Peace

LA Jews for Peace celebrates the May 28, 2024 recognition of the State of Palestine by E.U. members Ireland, Norway, and Spain. Each country emphasized that acted to promote peace, justice, and prosperity for the people in the region.

These diplomatic actions by Ireland, Norway, and Spain bring the number of countries that recognize Palestine to 146 or 75% of the 193 U.N. member states. Notable exceptions are high-GDP states in Western Europe, North America, and Asia-Pacific. Many states that have not recognized the State of Palestine are supportive of the concept, but are waiting for the “right” moment to act.

Countries that recognize the state of Palestine



Ireland, Norway, and Spain join 17 European states that recognize Palestine (Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, and Ukraine). In announcing their recognition of Palestine, each country’s leadership emphasized that their country was motivated to promote peace between Israeli and Palestine and in the region:

Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albare¹ said Spain was motivated to act to promote “peace, prosperity, security in the region.” He spoke about bringing “justice for the Palestinian people, guarantee security for Israel, and [is] absolutely necessary to achieve peace in the region.”

Taoiseach² Simon Harris³ said Ireland’s action “is taken to help create a peaceful future.” He went on to note that Ireland “believes that Palestinian statehood will contribute to peace and reconciliation in the Middle East.” The Taoiseach said with this action, Ireland is a bearer of hope and the action “Reaffirm our [Ireland’s] belief that peace is possible, that justice is achievable.”

Other states will surely follow Ireland, Norway, and Spain’s lead to promote regional peace. Palestinian recognition has been positively discussed at the cabinet and/or parliament level in nine additional states (Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, the U.K, and even the U.S.). **LA Jews for Peace** urges the U.S. to promptly recognize the State of Palestine to promote peace in the region.

¹ *Middle East Eye* video clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmdHeJbodQo..>

² Taoiseach is the title for the head of the Irish government, essentially the prime minister.

³ *MerrionStreetNews* video clip at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyl02JEnX8s.>