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Media Statement

by former NSW Premier and Foreign Minister Hon Bob Carr

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Israel's decision under its fanatic ethno-nationalist government to both approve more West Bank settlements and invade Gaza City now tragically defines the whole Zionist project: a 70-year campaign to purge Palestinians and create a greater Israel. Netanyahu's criminality now defines Israel's mission. It's about killing or evacuating over two million human beings. It recasts Israel's whole history.

An Israel run by settlers and religious fanatics will now demolish the last houses of Palestinians in Gaza and starve them, "concentrating" them (this verb chosen with deliberation) into tents in the south and offering them evacuation to South Sudan or Libya.

The civilised world faces this challenge: how can you not sanction a nation conducting a rolling genocide?

In short how much any longer will we be able to treat this Israel as a normal diplomatic

partner? It is behaving like a pariah, demanding to be treated like one. Challenge to our own Jewish lobby: when will you condemn it?

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Hi CLO team,

See below correspondence from Bob Carr, forwarding an article by Gareth Evans .

No response required.

For your information and action as appropriate.

Thanks

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The Urgency of Palestinian Statehood

By Gareth Evans

MELBOURNE – It is time for Israel to recognize the force of the rapidly growing international movement to recognize Palestinian statehood, not as the final outcome of a political settlement but as a path to achieving it. Were Israel to get serious again about pursuing a two-state solution would not be to reward Hamas, but benefiting itself.

The awful reality, as the horrendous attacks of October 7, 2023 made clear, is that without a political solution that satisfies legitimate Palestinian aspirations, Israel will never be free of the specter of terrorism.

My decades of experience with conflict prevention and resolution, including years of talking to all sides in the Middle East, have drummed home the truth that despair can all too easily turn into rage, and then into indefensible outrage. By the same token, the threat of violence diminishes rapidly during those periods of genuine hope for a just and dignified settlement.

To understand the roots of October 7 is not to justify the slaughter of innocents, then or ever. Israel was undoubtedly entitled to respond with all the force that international law allows. But for Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government – and those who blindly support it – to remain in denial about those roots, and to offer no political way forward, is simply to invite more of the same. This is especially true now that so many ordinary, decent Palestinians have been displaced, traumatized, and angered by the disproportionate savagery of the Israeli response.

As I have [argued elsewhere](#), the moral, legal, and political case for recognizing Palestinian statehood has always been strong. Some 140 United Nations member states – albeit nearly all of them from the Global South – have already done so. The Gaza war has now lent the issue new relevance and urgency. More and more countries see Israel's intransigence as not only perpetuating Palestinian misery but also guaranteeing its own.

Australia, in a pathbreaking [speech](#) by Foreign Minister Penny Wong on April 9, recently became just the latest of a host of formerly cautious countries – including the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Norway, and even the United States – to make clear that it is actively considering early recognition of Palestinian statehood. True, the timing is an issue. With United Nations votes on full membership for Palestine expected at the Security Council and in the General Assembly this month, the US and some others may not yet be willing to issue formal declarations. Nonetheless, the direction of travel is clear, and momentum is building.

Many argue, nonetheless, that recognition of Palestinian statehood is an empty, quixotic gesture, because a two-state solution now looks so unattainable. Practically, owing to the territorial fragmentation created by Israel's increasingly unrestrained West Bank settlement-building program. And politically, because Israeli [hostility](#) to a two-state solution, and Palestinian support for its own one-state solution, have both [grown](#) steadily and become likely more entrenched since October 7.

All true enough, but the dream of a two-state solution must be kept alive, not only because it remains overwhelmingly the preferred policy internationally, but also because it is so obviously in Israel's own long-term interest. As many commentators over the years have pointed out, Israel potentially can be a Jewish state, a democratic state, and a state occupying the whole of historical Judea and Samaria. But it cannot be all three at the same time. (This was a favorite line of my old boss, Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke, in offering tough love to the Jewish community here.)

The argument for recognizing Palestinian statehood is that doing so is vital to restore a balance that has tipped overwhelmingly in favor of Israel. No peace negotiation can succeed if the parties at the table are completely mismatched. For the foreseeable future, the best – and possibly the only – way to counter the current mismatch is to show that Palestine has legitimacy not only in the Islamic world and the Global South, but globally, including in traditional pillars of the Global North, like the UK, Australia, and other US allies and partners.

While it is not necessary for a state, to be recognized as such, to have a government in effective control of its entire territory, the issue is made more complicated by the governance problems on the Palestinian side. The Palestinian Authority is a gerontocracy in desperate need of reform, and Hamas has dealt itself out of any international acceptance with its military wing's terrorist excesses.

Constructing a viable pan-Palestinian government – preferably with the support of key regional players – will certainly be a long haul. I am among those who have long believed that the imprisoned Palestinian activist Marwan Barghouti – popular in both Gaza and the West Bank – could be the Mandela-like unifier that Palestinians desperately need. But for precisely that reason, persuading Israel to release him will be a Herculean task, at least as long as Netanyahu remains in power.

Regardless of whether the two-state solution proves to have any life left in it, conferring Palestine the extra legitimacy, leverage, and bargaining power inherent in recognized statehood would help achieve for both sides a future that is better than the awful status quo.

If it does still have life, as we must all hope, Palestinian leverage will be crucial in producing

just and sustainable solutions to the big outstanding issues, including those concerning boundaries, credible security guarantees for both sides, the protection of holy sites, and the fraught question of refugee rights.

But even if the only remaining option is to negotiate a new, democratic, non-apartheid single state (in which the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza enjoy fully equal rights alongside Israel's Jewish population), giving Palestinians more legitimacy and heft at the bargaining table must be in the interests of securing a genuinely sustainable peace.

At a time of dramatically heightened tension with Iran, and all the renewed sense of insecurity that comes with it, it has never been more important for Israel to defuse once and for all the visceral anger of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. Most of the rest of the world is now telling Israel that the best way to start is to accept the force of Palestinians' claim to statehood. If Israelis really want a more secure future, it's time for them to listen.

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