

An international support group for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

A new momentum for peace is needed. **The risk of a new explosion on the ground**, either in Gaza or in the West Bank, must not be taken. **The two-state solution is more fragile than ever**. The parties are further apart.

In this context, a clear support and involvement of the international community is needed. The conflict must be addressed as an international priority.

Following previous efforts to accompany talks, an **enlarged framework** based on the Quartet members, a sort of Quartet +, the P5, Arab partners and European countries, the Arab league and the European Union could help create conducive conditions for improvement. The **establishment of an International Support Group** would help bridge the current political vacuum and hopefully pave the way for a resumption of negotiations on solid bases.

Objectives

1. Contribute to create the conditions for the resumption of credible negotiations.

- a) Identify **incentives** that could be offered to parties in the event of a peace agreement (EU special partnership; operationalization of the API) and give appropriate push to help the parties commit to a serious process.
- b) Work on **international guarantees** on final core issues (security, refugees,...) that partners could provide in support of a potential agreement between the parties.
- c) Work on an **internationally agreed basis for new negotiations**, with a **timeframe** and work on the **parameters** of future negotiations, which could be endorsed in a UNSC resolution.

2. Preserve the two-state solution on the ground.

- a) Reaffirm the commitment of the international community towards this solution and ask the parties to do the same.
- b) Identify threats to the two-state solution and consider appropriate measures and possible confidence building measures.
- c) Work towards addressing the political division of the Palestinian Territories.

3. Monitor negotiations once resumed and help the parties conclude.

Members

The international support group would include the P5, Arab partners (Follow-up Committee of the API), the EU, EU Members States (Italy, Spain, Germany, etc), the UN.

Next steps

- Contacts among members of the ISG throughout the summer in order to convene a **first ministerial meeting on the margins of the UNGA**./.