

## SCONRES 54

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress and reaffirming longstanding United States policy in support of a direct bilaterally negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and opposition to United Nations Security Council resolutions imposing a solution to the conflict.

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 28, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HCONRES 165	Related bill	Nov 30, 2016: Received in the Senate.

Expresses the sense of Congress that:

- a sustainable peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians will come only through direct bilateral negotiations between the parties;
- any widespread international recognition of a unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood outside of the context of such a peace agreement would cause severe harm to the peace process and would likely trigger the implementation of penalties under provisions of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2016 regarding limitations on assistance to support a Palestinian state and uses of funds for assistance for the West Bank and Gaza;
- efforts by outside bodies, including the United Nations Security Council, to impose an agreement are likely to set back the cause of peace; and
- the U.S. government should continue to oppose and veto Security Council resolutions that seek to impose solutions to final status issues or that are one-sided and anti-Israel; and
- the U.S. government should continue to support and facilitate the resumption of negotiations without preconditions toward a sustainable peace agreement.

## **Actions Timeline**

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