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U.N. resolution supports Trump Gaza peace plan



U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz raises his hand to vote in favor of a draft resolution to authorize an International Stabilization Force in Gaza Strip. ADAM GRAY/GETTY IMAGES

Hamas, Israel unhappy with parts of plan

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The United Nations' backing of the United States' Middle East peace plan does not mean all is smooth sailing. The U.N. Security Council on Nov. 17 endorsed a resolution drafted by the United States in an effort to convert a fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas to a durable peace that includes re-

building the Palestinian enclave. The vote was 13 nations in favor, zero votes against and two abstentions, from Russia and China. The resolution supports the second phase of President Donald Trump's 20-point peace plan for the Middle East. The first phase started in October with a ceasefire and hostage/prisoner exchange. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu quickly welcomed the vote, saying it will help end Hamas' rule in the Gaza Strip and eventually lead to broader Middle East peace. In a social media post, Trump described the vote as "a

moment of true Historic proportion." But many details about the plan remain unclear, Hamas quickly rejected aspects of the resolution and there are dissenting voices in Israel. The resolution calls for Israel, Egypt and a newly vetted and trained Palestinian police force to work together to establish and administer an International Stabilization Force – effectively, a coalition of troops who would ensure Gaza is demilitarized and its border areas secured. Hamas would give up its weapons and its military

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Cheney legacy mixed on LGBTQ+ issues

Ex-vice president wanted marriage left to states

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WASHINGTON – It was the first time Dick Cheney broke publicly with George W. Bush over the issue of same-sex marriage. But it wouldn't be the last. Bush, the Republican nominee for president in 2000, held the view that marriage should be between a man and a woman. Cheney, his running mate, stunned many Americans when he announced during a vice presidential debate in Kentucky just a month before the election that he believed people should be able to enter into any kind of relationship they wanted. "Freedom means freedom for everybody," he said, adding that regulating personal behavior in that regard was no one's business. Four years later, Cheney would again distance himself from Bush over same-sex marriage in the middle of another election campaign. Referencing his daughter, Mary, who is a lesbian, Dick Cheney said during a town hall meeting in Iowa that same-sex marriage is "an issue our family is very familiar with" and that a federal constitutional amendment that Bush supported to define marriage as between a man and a woman was unnecessary. Yet despite his early support of same-sex couples, Cheney, who died Nov. 3, left behind a complicated legacy on LGBTQ+ issues. Cheney's funeral is at the Washington National Cathedral at 11 a.m. ET on Nov. 20. Though he opposed a federal

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New international enrollment declines at U.S. universities

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The number of international students newly enrolling in U.S. universities plummeted this fall as foreign-born students navigate visa restrictions and other hurdles imposed by the Trump administration, according to figures released Nov. 17. The study, conducted by the non-partisan Institute of International Education, said new international student enrollments declined by 17% this year – the largest drop in more than a decade, not including the pandemic. The study sampled over 800 higher education institutions. Most cited visa-related concerns and travel restrictions for the drop in new enrollments. In President Donald Trump's second term in office, international students have faced a range of obstacles to study in the United States, including visa terminations, harsher screenings and, for some, detentions for speech. The total number of international

students on university campuses nationwide decreased by 1% from the last academic year, according to the study, a figure that includes students who enrolled in previous years. In total, nearly 57% of universities reported a decrease in new international students this fall, while 29% saw increases and others held steady. The drop in new international student enrollments is a developing trend: In the fall of 2024, the annual study noted a 7% decrease. A study released Nov. 17 by the non-profit NAFSA: Association of International Educators said the plummeting international student enrollment rate could cost over \$1.1 billion in lost revenue and lead to nearly 23,000 fewer jobs. In the 2023-24 school year alone, foreign students contributed more than \$43 billion to the U.S. economy, the nonprofit said. The Trump administration has

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The Harvard Students for Freedom rally in support of international students on May 27. A study has found that new international student enrollments declined by 17% this year – the largest drop in more than a decade, excluding the pandemic. RICK FRIEDMAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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