



## AFIC Responds to UN Security Council Adoption of US Gaza Plan: Peace Cannot Be Imposed Without Justice or Palestinian Consent

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The Australian Federation of Islamic Councils (AFIC) notes the passage of the United Nations Security Council resolution endorsing the US-sponsored “Gaza stabilisation” plan and recognises the desperate need for an end to the violence that has devastated Gaza for nearly two years.

However, AFIC approaches this development with deep caution and serious concern.

While any step that halts the killing of civilians is welcome, this proposal risks becoming yet another international process that promises peace while entrenching injustice. The Palestinian people, those who have endured siege, starvation, bombardment, displacement, and genocide, were not partners in shaping this plan. Major Palestinian political bodies and civil society voices have already rejected it because it was imposed on them, not negotiated with them.

“No peace plan can succeed when the people most affected are excluded from the table,” said AFIC President Dr Rateb Jneid. “We have seen this pattern before. Without real justice, accountability, and Palestinian agency, this risks cementing the subjugation of a people who have already suffered more than any community should ever be forced to endure.”

The history of past frameworks, from Oslo to the various “roadmaps”, shows that processes designed without Palestinian consent have consistently failed. They have delivered neither sovereignty nor safety. Instead, they have prolonged occupation, expanded illegal settlements, and deferred justice.

AFIC also notes the highly troubling fact that the plan is being driven by a US administration whose record shows unwavering political and military support for Israel throughout the genocide in Gaza. The international community has repeatedly failed to hold Israel accountable for its violations of international law. It is therefore difficult to place confidence in a process led by those who, until now, have shielded the aggressor and ignored the pleas of the victims.