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White Paper Committee
Government of Australia

Foreign Minister Bishop today made an outrageous bid for Australia to sit on the UN Human Rights Council in 2018-20 despite Australia's shameful betrayal of its obligations under international law to protect and uphold the State of Palestine's political and human rights.

Recently, the government has ignominiously defied international law by [refuting](#) the illegality of Israel's illegal settlements, by blasting, not only the UN Resolution 2234 on zionist settlement illegality, but [also](#) the "UN for adopting 20 resolutions critical of Israel between 2014 and 2015" and now the pits - willing to [deny justice](#) for the people of Palestine in the International Criminal Court granting, consequently, Israel impunity to continue perpetrating monstrous war crimes and crimes against humanity against Palestinian families.

It is time for Australia to act as a responsible member of the UN and join the international consensus of 138 states, including the Holy See, that have recognised the State of Palestine. Australia must demonstrate its respect for the International Criminal Court process investigating Israel's war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated against the indigenous people of Palestine and stand by UN resolutions that condemn those crimes.

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