



UNAA statement

The continuing situation in the Middle East, specifically the situation in the Gaza Strip.

UNAA calls for:

1. The immediate withdrawal of all Israeli Defence Force personnel from the Gaza strip
2. An immediate, unconditional and comprehensive cease fire
3. The establishment of a UN peacekeeping contingent of sufficient strength to monitor the ceasefire and deter in a timely fashion, action that would lead to a renewal of violence.
4. The immediate and unconditional resumption of humanitarian assistance, including food, fuel, water and medical supplies. The amount and nature of such assistance to be determined by the UN agencies and such supplies to be distributed by UN agencies.
5. Medical support is prioritised to ensure that no further defenceless children are the victims of a senseless war that is not part of their making
6. Strong measures designed to protect humanitarian aid workers, medical personnel and media workers.
7. The freeing of all hostages held by Hamas and the freeing of Palestinians held by the Israeli government.

UNAA further calls for the Australian government to:

- Express its strongest opposition at the highest levels to the actions of the Israeli government, specifically their continued use of armed force in the Gaza territory and of their control of humanitarian assistance.
- Join with other governments to take the necessary steps to recognise a Palestinian state
- Uphold the integrity of the International Criminal Court
- Join with other states at the United Nations General Assembly to advance this policy agenda.

This situation is complex, fluid and ongoing. You may find these references helpful for current, accurate information. For updates on UN actions please refer to the UN General Assembly [Newsroom](#), [What's In Blue](#), the newsletter of the UN Security Council and [reports](#) from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the near east. For media releases, transcripts, speeches and opinion from our Foreign Minister please refer to the [official website](#)