Sen. Cruz Issues Statement on UNESCO's Anti-Israel Vote

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U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today released the following statement on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) vote on the resolution “Occupied Palestine” regarding the identity of Jerusalem’s Old City:

“Today, UNESCO doubled down on its reflexive anti-Israel bias by voting for yet another resolution that deliberately distorts history and denies the specific connection of the Jewish people to Jerusalem going back thousands of years. It is unfortunate that the U.S. Mission to UNESCO could not do more to persuade our allies to oppose this disgraceful resolution, the real purpose of which is to undermine Jerusalem's identity as the capital of the Jewish State. Congress must redouble its efforts to counter these pernicious attempts to falsely attack and delegitimize our close ally through international institutions by continuing to withhold funding from entities that participate in such activities, and reaffirm our commitment to stand unshakably with Israel.”

On Tuesday, Sen. Cruz and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) led a bipartisan, bicameral [letter](https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=2853) to members of the Executive Board of UNESCO urging opposition to this resolution.