Christian Envoy: Congress Must Cut All UN Funding After Anti-Settlement Vote

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Congress must eliminate all funding to the UN after the Security Council passed anti-Israel Resolution 2334, said the World Council of Independent Christian Churches’ envoy to the world body.

“We are calling on President-elect Donald Trump, upon his first order of business on January 21, 2017, to call upon Congress to cut all funding to the UN and to immediately begin the process of moving the US Embassy from Tel Aviv, to her biblical, ancient capital, Jerusalem,” said Laurie Cardoza-Moore late Wednesday.

Cardoza-Moore is president of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations and UN special envoy for the World Council of Independent Christian Churches, which represents over 40 million congregants worldwide.

Security Council Resolution 2334 declared that Israel’s settlements had no legal validity, and that many of the country’s ancient sites were in “occupied territory.”

“As Christians around the world were preparing to celebrate Christmas, and our Jewish brethren were preparing for Hanukka, the United Nations, with the wide-predicted support of President Barack Obama – with a single vote, they have denied our Jewish brethren the rights to their homeland as well as threatening the very survival of Christians and our holy sites in the biblical heartland,” she said. “It is past time for the US to send a message loud and clear that we the people will stand with our Jewish brethren and Israel in the struggle for her right to inhabit her ancient biblical and legal homeland.”

Cardoza-Moore said the vote would not only fuel the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, but it will lead to more rulings in the International Criminal Court in The Hague based on a false interpretation of international law and the proliferation of false history.

Meanwhile, the American organization Churches for Middle East Peace, a coalition of 22 national Church denominations and organizations, came out in support of the UN move.

“Churches for Middle East Peace supports the abstention of the US administration, which allowed this resolution to pass,” said Mae Elise Cannon, the group’s executive director, in a holiday greeting to followers.

She said the organization believes that the call on both parties to return to the negotiating table to mitigate conflict and incitement, and for the Israelis to end the settlement enterprise, were major efforts that could lead to a peace deal.

CMEP’s mission statement says the organization seeks to encourage American policies that promote a just, lasting and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ensuring security, human rights and religious freedom for all people in the Middle East.