Bolton Warns Obama on Israel Action at UN

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Former United Nations Ambassador [John Bolton](http://thehill.com/person/john-bolton) warned Sunday that [President Obama](http://thehill.com/person/president-obama) should not take any actions before leaving office that could hurt Israel at the U.N.

Bolton said during an [interview](http://chirb.it/HkzcCC) with radio host John Catsimatidis that there is "a lot of speculation over in Turtle Bay at U.N. headquarters about resolutions that recognize a Palestinian state or that try and set a boundary for Israel based on the 1967 ceasefire lines."

"I think that’d be very inadvisable for the president to do that," he said.

Obama said during his final speech as president at the U.N. General Assembly that Israel would be in a better position if it did not “permanently occupy and settle Palestinian land" and Palestinians would be better off if they were to “reject incitement," according to the [Jerusalem Post](http://www.jpost.com/Diaspora/Obama-at-UN-Israel-must-recognize-it-cant-permanently-occupy-Palestinian-land-468236).

Bolton said Sunday that Trump's transition team is "doing an excellent job," noting that Trump has spoken with various world leaders who have congratulated him on winning the election.

“They’re obviously very, very interested in finding out more about him, more about what his administration’s priorities are going to be,” Bolton said.

Bolton, who served as ambassador to the U.N. under George W. Bush, is reportedly among those being considered to be secretary of State under Trump.

"I think part of the uncertainty that people feel is that they know that America's foreign policy is going to change. That's what democracy does. You get new leaders and the country moves in a different direction," Bolton said.