Trump: Veto UN Security Council Resolution Regarding Israeli Settlements

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President-elect [Donald Trump](http://www.cnbc.com/donald-trump/) on Thursday called for the U.N. Security Council to veto a draft resolution that calls for an immediate end to Israeli settlement activity on occupied land that Palestinians want for a state.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pushed for a veto of the measure, which is set for a vote from the 15-member council at 3 p.m. ET on Thursday. Egypt on Wednesday circulated the draft resolution, which would demand that Israel "immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem."

"As the United States has long maintained, peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians will only come through direct negotiations between the parties, and not through the imposition of terms by the United Nations," Trump said in a statement. "This puts Israel in a very poor negotiating position and is extremely unfair to all Israelis."

It is unclear how the United States, which has had tense relations with Israel under President Barack Obama, plans to vote. The Obama administration has previously criticized settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.

In a tweet Wednesday, Netanyahu specifically urged the U.S. to veto what he called "the anti-Israel resolution."

In another tweet Wednesday, Israeli ambassador to the U.N. Danny Danon said: "We expect our greatest ally not to allow this one-sided and anti-Israel resolution to be adopted."

Trump has already been decidedly friendlier with Israel than Obama, meeting with Netanyahu in September before his election as president. He appointed attorney David Friedman, who backs Israeli settlements, as his ambassador to Israel.

Trump has supported moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a politically charged move that Friedman backs.