Obama’s Refusal to Veto Anti-Israel U.N. Vote Ranked Most Anti-Semitic Incident of 2016

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President Obama’s refusal to veto an anti-Israel [U.N.](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/united-nations/) resolution was ranked Wednesday as the most anti-Semitic incident of 2016 by the [Simon Wiesenthal Center](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/simon-wiesenthal-center/).

In the annual anti-Semitism report, the [center](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/simon-wiesenthal-center/) placed the Obama administration’s decision Friday to abstain on the UN Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements at the head of [its list](http://www.wiesenthal.com/site/apps/nlnet/content2.aspx?c=lsKWLbPJLnF&b=4441467&ct=14976899), the “Top 10 Worst Global Anti-Semitic/Anti-[Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) Incidents.”

“The most stunning 2016 [U.N.](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/united-nations/) attack on [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) was facilitated by President Obama when the U.S. abstained on a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) for settlement construction,” the [center](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/simon-wiesenthal-center/) said. “It reversed decades-long US policy of vetoing such diplomatic moves against the Jewish State.”

Also making the list was activity by the anti-[Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) Boycott, Divest and Sanctions (BDS) movement as well as U.S. white nationalist leader Richard Spencer’s questioning whether Jews are “people or soulless golem” at a November gathering in Washington, D.C.

Two top Israeli officials have accused the Obama administration of orchestrating the resolution behind the scenes, insisting that they will provide proof to President-elect Donald Trump after he takes office in January.

Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer said Wednesday that [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) would work to repeal the resolution even though such efforts can take years.