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## Trump Threatens Despite UN Rejection

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The warnings against the international community by Nikki Haley, the US ambassador to the UN,— which include a letter to the diplomatic missions to the UN—, did not take effect, and the 193 member states condemned the decision made by Trump administration to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

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The decision described the recognition as "null" and confirmed and reaffirmed what was set by the Ten resolutions throughout the history of the Security Council on the status of Jerusalem, where it is specified that this decision corresponds to the negotiations direct between Israel and Palestine. The UN General Assembly consider Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as "null".

Trump despises the international community's opinion. Photo: Reuters

Only 35 countries abstained and nine states voted against the non-binding resolution of the General Assembly, demanding Trump to retreat the decision of transferring his Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem for the three largest monotheistic confessions on the planet: Jews, Muslims and Christians.

With similar arrogance, the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, offended the UN, calling it "House of Lies". Israel did after the decision of the General Assembly that determined this important veto to that defamatory behavior that seeks, in fact, to exterminate the Palestinian people.

The meeting of the membership of the international community, although not decisive, at least wash the stain to the human dignity of the blockade established in the Security Council through the veto of Washington to a similar resolution, which left

unarmed the 14 votes that demanded Trump to withdraw his project to move the Embassy.

These results were obvious because they have been the prevalent since the Israeli-Palestinian conflict began 70 years ago; not only in the agency in which decisions are obligatory compliance (at least on paper), but also in the plenary session, confronting once again the unilateralism of the United States and some other associates, now exacerbated by a new administration, which does not care about isolate itself from the rest of the planet with its declared policy *American first*.

I suppose it was like a slap in the face of any of the diplomats at the UN, when Haley delivered her verdict the day before: Washington is going to write down and remember the names of the countries that "disrespect" America (you know that you have to read the United States) voting against him.

"I must also say today: when we make generous contributions to the UN, we also hope that we will be respected," the US official said, adding: "If our investment fails, we have an obligation to spend our investment in other ways ... The United States will remember this day".

From the White House, the president applauded his ambassador and added a furious "death sentence": "They take millions of dollars, even billions of dollars, and then they vote against us. Well, we are controlling those votes. Let them vote against us, we will save a lot, I do not care ».

He added, in harassing language "this is not what it used to be, that they could vote against you and then you paid them hundreds of millions of dollars and nobody knows what they did with that."

Egypt, Afghanistan and Iraq, three of the largest recipients of that alleged help,

ignored the general warning of cutting off their funds.

The nine votes against the resolution can not be judged with the same standard. The United States and Israel were the obvious, and they were followed by Togo, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Marshalls, Guatemala and Honduras.

Not even its European Union allies were enlisted in the grievance, in which 22 of the 28 countries gave the Yes to the resolution and left a past of abstention on any measure that affected the Government of Tel Aviv. Even some of the 35 who now took the path of non-definition, criticized the removal. Among the abstentions were those of some strong US allies such as Australia, Canada, Colombia and Mexico.

Beyond the real effectiveness of what was approved at the UN, something was clear, despite the intimidating statements and the arms twisting as its foreign policy practice, this time it was Trump who received a diplomatic "punch".

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