

**US Secretary of State Mr. Mike Pompeo**  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

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**Dear Mr. Secretary,**

**Re: Deny entry to the US to terror incentivizer, Mahmoud Abbas**

Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman of the Palestinian Authority, will be traveling in the coming days to New York to participate in the 73rd UN General Assembly. A crucial question facing the US government at this time is whether it should allow Mahmoud Abbas to enter the United States.

The reason to prohibit Abbas' entry is that he is head of an organization that according to American designation "incentivizes terror." The Taylor Force Act, which passed the US Congress and was signed into law by Pres. Trump, declares that paying salaries to terrorist prisoners and Martyrs' families is an "incentive to commit acts of terror." The Palestinian Authority, through the Palestine National Fund, makes these terror promoting payments. Mahmoud Abbas is the head of the Palestine National Fund.

The recipients of these payments include murderers of US citizens and members of US designated terrorist organizations.

So according to American law Abbas is head of an organization that incentivizes terror and which provides "material support" to terrorists, terrorism and designated terrorist organizations, contrary to 18 U.S.C. §2339A and §2339B

Noting its involvement in terrorism, Israel declared the Palestine National Fund a terror organization. According to Israeli law, Mahmoud Abbas is the head of a terror organization.

It should also be noted that Abbas and other organizations he heads are using every platform to attack and insult the US. On Sept. 11 Fatah, headed by Abbas, mocked the 9-11 tragedy by depicting President Trump about to fly a plane into a building shaped like the PA map of "Palestine" that includes all of Israel and is painted in the colors of the PA flag. [Official Fatah Facebook, Sept. 11, 2018]



Abbas has also called for the “destruction of the house” of President Trump, and uses almost every opportunity to attack the US, the current administration and its policies. There is no doubt Abbas will use his UN address to continue these attacks.

While it may be argued that the United States is committed to allow the entry and free passage of certain persons into the US to participate in meetings of the United Nations, that commitment is limited to the “Representatives of Member” States. Since Palestine is not a member state of the United Nations, Abbas does not enjoy these privileges and his entry into the US must be specifically granted.

As a public act to demonstrate America’s earnestness in fighting Palestinian terror, PMW is urging you Mr. Secretary to prohibit Abbas’ entry due to his position as leader of a terror incentivizing and funding organization, under both Israeli and American designation.

**Sincerely,**

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