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## Action Alert: Urge Colombia to Reverse Recognition of Palestinian State

In the days before the new Colombian President, Ivan Duque, took office, outgoing President Juan Manuel Santos officially recognized Palestine as a "free, independent and sovereign state."

Regrettably, this decision does not contribute to a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Only through successful direct bilateral negotiations can the conflict be ended. By recognizing an independent Palestinian state, Colombia reinforces the misguided notion that Palestinians need not negotiate with Israel, but can indirectly force concessions by internationalizing the conflict.

An encouraging statement from new Foreign Minister Carlos Holmes said "*Given possible omissions that could come to light about the way in which this decision was taken by the outgoing president, the government will cautiously examine its implications and will act according to international law.*" This decision could be reversed.

**Please contact the Consulate of Colombia in New York and request that Colombia reverse its decision to recognize a Palestinian state.**

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We appreciate your attention to this request and urge you to make your views known to the Colombian Consulate.

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