



Oral Statement

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Thank you Madam President.

While recognizing the right of self-determination by any nation and the right of any nation to defend itself from harm, the World Evangelical Alliance expresses deep concerns over plans for Israel to annex large areas of the West Bank.

Such a unilateral move risks ending any hope for a negotiated peace agreement between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority.

Last month, our Secretary General Bishop Efraim Tendero said unequivocally that “the proposed annexation plans are detrimental for Israelis and Palestinians alike, so we clearly oppose such plans.”

We pray and hope for all actors to work in good faith towards solutions that will bring lasting peace, and end to discrimination and violence, and the flourishing of everyone who lives in the Holy Land.

Thank you Madam President.