



**Associação de Amizade Portugal-Israel**

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**Portugal**

to  
Micheál Martin TD  
Leader of Fianna Fail Party  
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Houses of the Oireachtas  
Kildare St  
Dublin 2, D02 XR20  
Ireland

Lisboa, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Recognition of Palestine**

Distinguished Mr Micheál Martin TD

We have learned that the Republic of Ireland, with the support of your party, is planning to recognise Palestine as a sovereign state. We appeal to you to reconsider your position in this matter.

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We are convinced that third parties, as we all are, should seek to bring both sides together rather than taking a partisan position on the conflict. Recognising a State of Palestine, will not bring a state into existence, but it will encourage the Palestinians to remain outside the negotiation table.

And finally we are concerned what consequences a recognition would have for the coexistence of Christians, Jews and Muslims in Europe. We see a rise of anti-Semitism in the dress of Israel-bashing, resulting in a denial of legitimacy of Jewish life. Unilateral political steps towards the creation of a Palestinian state are likely to strengthen this dangerous phenomenon, due to their inherent tendency to delegitimise Israel.

For reconsidering this step, we thank you most cordially already in advance.

Sincerely,

The President

António José Aguiló y Fuster Caria Mendes



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Fianna Fail - Spokesperson  
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Leader of the Labour Party  
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