



## Security Council

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### Resolution 1544 (2004)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4972nd meeting,  
on 19 May 2004**

*The Security Council,*

*Reaffirming* its previous resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 1322 (2000), 1397 (2002), 1402 (2002), 1403 (2002), 1405 (2002), 1435 (2002), and 1515 (2003),

*Reiterating* the obligation of Israel, the occupying Power, to abide scrupulously by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949,

*Calling* on Israel to address its security needs within the boundaries of international law,

*Expressing* its grave concern at the continued deterioration of the situation on the ground in the territory occupied by Israel since 1967,

*Condemning* the killing of Palestinian civilians that took place in the Rafah area,

*Gravely concerned* by the recent demolition of homes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Rafah refugee camp,

*Recalling* the obligations of the Palestinian Authority and the Government of Israel under the Road Map,

*Condemning* all acts of violence, terror and destruction,

*Reaffirming* its support for the Road Map, endorsed in its resolution 1515 (2003),

1. *Calls* on Israel to respect its obligations under international humanitarian law, and insists, in particular, on its obligation not to undertake demolition of homes contrary to that law;

2. *Expresses* grave concern regarding the humanitarian situation of Palestinians made homeless in the Rafah area and *calls* for the provision of emergency assistance to them;

3. *Calls* for the cessation of violence and for respect of and adherence to legal obligations, including those under international humanitarian law;
  4. *Calls* on both parties to immediately implement their obligations under the Road Map;
  5. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
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*Adopted at the 4972nd meeting by 14 votes (Algeria, Angola, Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to none, with 1 abstention (United States of America)*

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