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The Obama State Department is severely chastising the Israeli government for withholding tax revenues from the Palestinian Authority (PA). Israel is responding to the PA's creation of a "Unity Government" with Hamas; Hamas, whose stated mission is the destruction of Israel and has been designated by the U.S. as a "terrorist organization."

According to news reports, the Obama Administration says it's "premature" to stop funding the PA - that Israel and the United States should "wait and see" what kind of policies this new terrorist-related government puts in place.

The fact is that the Obama Administration is asking us and Israel to provide taxpayer funds to terrorists.

We cannot let this stand. The ACLJ has already sent a team of senior attorneys to Israel. We are mobilizing our legal and legislative teams in Washington, D.C., to meet this challenge at the United Nations (U.N.) and in Congress. And we are calling on President Barack Obama, the United States Senate and House, and U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to reject any government which embraces Hamas and its radical Islamic terrorists.

Please add your voice in this important fight for our national security and the security of Israel. Sign the Petition to Reject Terrorists in "Unity Government" now, and we will also send you the new ACLJ film, The Export: Radical Islam's Map to the End of Democracy, as a free gift of thanks for your participation.

We must take action in this critical fight. In response to the death of Osama bin Laden, Hamas condemned the United States and called bin Laden a "holy warrior."

The United States has been providing billions of dollars in aid to the Palestinian Authority over the years, with more than \$500 million going to them last year alone. Clearly, it is time for the U.S. to send a very strong message - we cannot send our tax dollars to support a terrorist-linked government. Either the Palestinian Authority rejects Hamas, or we stop sending U.S. funds to them.

The U.N. is currently evaluating whether or not it will officially recognize the Palestinian Authority and this new "Unity Government" with Hamas. While it seems impossible that the U.N. would vote to recognize a Palestinian state governed by any terrorist-based group, we've seen things just as outrageous in the past. We must demand that the United Nations refuse to recognize any government that includes Hamas.

To deal with this radical Islamic terrorist group as if it were a legitimate government flies in the face of everything good and honorable in America and represents a grave threat to Israel.

Thank you in advance for standing with us and signing the Petition to Reject Terrorists in "Unity Government." We must stand by our ally, Israel, and do all we can to foster peace in the Middle East. Hamas will only bring further violence to the region and destabilize an already tumultuous landscape.

Sincerely,

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