Abbas link from my friend David...

The United Nations General Assembly voted in six resolutions at their annual summit on the Middle East conflict, condemning Israel and urging the Israelis to disengage from all land captured in the Six Day War, East Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Golan Heights. The GA also welcomed the ceasefire in Gaza, and called on all sides to maintain the truce which will pave the way for a negotiated settlement. The resolutions made by the General Assembly are not legally binding, but are reflective of world opinion, an opinion that is slanted against Israel. Even Kofi Annan - who slammed Israel for shelling terrorists operating in UN bases in Lebanon - criticized the UN's Human Rights Commission a few weeks ago for only issuing anti-Israel resolutions since its creation six months ago. A few years ago, the UN General Assembly also voted overwhelmingly for Israel to dismantle its peace wall, while no condemnation was made of the terrorism that caused it to be erected.

Quote: *"The only other resolution to top 150 "yes" votes declared any attempt to impose Israel's laws, jurisdiction and administration on Jerusalem illegal, and therefore null and void. It was approved by a vote of 157-6 with 10 abstentions. The other resolutions demanded that Israel withdraw from the Golan Heights and supported the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the UN Secretariat's Division for Palestinian Rights, and the UN's special information program on the question of Palestine.*

This news comes as Javier Solana, the High Representative of the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, is due to meet President Abbas to press for the creation of a Palestinian unity government. Solana, as predicted, will press Israel and the international community to respond positively to the creation of a unity government. Abbas will also meet the Foreign Ministers of Austria and Germany.

Quote: *"'We fully support (Palestinian) President (Mahmoud) Abbas's efforts to form a new government which reflects the quartet's principles and allows the international community to fully re- engage,' Solana wrote in an article to be published in the Thursday edition of the new Ramallah-based, Palestinian English-language daily, Palestine Times. '* ***When we have such a government, it is vital that all of us in the international community, including Israel, respond immediately and concretely.'*** *he said.*

Friends, it seems everything is hinging on this new Palestinian unity government. The EU is pressing for it, the UN General Assembly is demanding it. Israeli Prime Ministers often said they had no partner for peace in Arafat. Now the EU is trying to change that, and once a Palestinian unity government is formed, the ball will be in Israel's court. And Olmert will be willing to "play ball", as he has already stated, Abbas will be " surprised at what Israel had to offer". It will only then be a matter of time before we have a covenant on the table, ready to be confirmed.

Zechariah 14:2-3

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

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