

China New Peacemaker; UN Hears Plan

China urges support for new Israel-Palestinian peace plan

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) ? China's U.N. ambassador urged the international community on Monday to support President Xi Jinping's new four-point proposal to end the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian conflict and establish an independent Palestinian state.

Liu Jieyi said at a news conference that China's future diplomatic efforts will focus on trying to move toward a negotiated solution based on the four proposals.

Xi signaled China's stepped-up engagement in the Middle East when he met about two weeks ago in Beijing with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and outlined the plan.

The four points are:

? Advancing the two-state solution based on 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as the capital of a new Palestinian state.

?Upholding ?the concept of common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security,? immediately ending Israeli settlement building, taking immediate measures to prevent violence against civilians, and calling for an early resumption of peace talks.

?Coordinating international efforts to put forward ?peace-promoting measures that entail joint participation at an early date.?

?Promoting peace through development and cooperation between the Palestinians and Israel.

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Liu said China plans to hold a seminar for Israeli and Palestinian ?peace activists? this year, seeking ?to contribute wisdom for the settlement of the Palestinian question.?

He urged the international community to ?respond positively to the proposals made by China because we believe these four proposals once fully implemented will really go a long way towards helping the issue to be solved through negotiations, and also contribute to stability of the relations between the two sides.?

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