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CDP critical of Zuma's support for Palestinian state

"South Africa's support for a Palestinian state comes as no surprise," says Christian Democratic Party (CDP) leader, Rev. Theunis Botha, "as many ANC ministers and deputy ministers, often Muslims, have since 1994, strongly been expressing this view."

"Despite the 1993 Oslo accords through which the PLO recognised the right of Israel to exist, the actual recognition of Israel has been seriously lacking, and in the case of Hamas controlling the Gaza strip, totally absent. We are not sure that South Africa is now applying its mind to the reality of this situation. We trust that South Africa will respect the USA's expected veto with the same dignity with which it responded to the Russian veto of stronger action against the Assad-regime's slaughtering of its own citizens, and Russia and China's veto of stronger actions against Mugabe."

"The CDP also finds Pres. Barack Obama's motives for a promised veto lacking in integrity. After he initially responded favourably to the Palestinian initiative, many prominent Jews switched support to the Republican Party resulting in the Democrats recently losing a by-election in New York's Queens and Brooklyn areas, held by the Democrats for a century. Was this what changed his mind?"

"We call on all peace loving countries to first insist that the Palestinian authority, including Hamas, fully recognise Israel as a state and pledge to quit all terrorist activities, such as directing rockets at schools."

CDP krities oor Zuma se steun aan 'n Palestynse staat

"Suid-Afrika se steun vir 'n Palestynse staat is geen verrassing nie," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP). "Verskeie ANC-ministers en adjunk-ministers, dikwels Moslims, het sedert 1994 opgetree asof dit reeds die geval was.

"Ten spyte van die 1993-Oslo-ooreenkomste waardeur die PLO die reg van Israel om te bestaan erken het, het die fisiese erkenning van Israel nog altyd tekort geskied, en in die geval van Hamas wat die Gazastrook beheer, heeltemal afwesig. Ons meen nie Suid-Afrika tree nou volgens die harde werklikheid op nie. Ons vertrou dat Suid-Afrika die VSA se beloofde veto hieroor met dieselfde waardigheid sal aanvaar as wat Rusland se veto teen sterker optrede teen die Assad-regime se slagting van sy eie mense, en Rusland en Sjina se veto teen strenger optrede teen Mugabe. "

"Nogtans vind ons pres. Barack Obama se beloofde veto in hierdie saak gestroop van integriteit. Nadat hy aanvanklik positief oor die Palestynse saak was, het talle prominente Jode openlik hul steun aan die Republikeinse Party toegesê. Die demokrate, wat tradisioneel die steun van die oorgrote aantal Amerikaanse Jode kry, het onlangs selfs in 'n tussenverkiesing in Queens en Brooklyn in New York die onderspit gedelf, wat 'n eeu lank in die Demokrate se hande was. Is dit wat hom anders beïnvloed het?"

"Ons doen 'n beroep op alle vredeliewende state om eers by die Palestynse owerheid, insluitend Hamas, aan te dring om Israel ten volle as onafhanklike staat te erken en om te onderneem om alle terreuraksies soos die afvuur van vuurpyle op skole, te staak."