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Golan Heights: Trump Promotes Theft

On the eve of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to the United States, President Donald Trump, in his usual Twitter channel, has declared to be in favor of recognizing Tel Aviv's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, a Syrian territory illegally annexed by Israel after the Six Days' War (1967). Only Last November a voting took place in the United Nations Organization to confirm the nullity and lack of any juridical value of said annexation, and for the first time the U.S. government voted against. The remaining world nations, with the exception of Israel, voted in favor.

The most recent absurdity of the former TV presenter, now head of State, creates an unfortunate precedent for world stability and lawfulness, since it legitimizes the use of force to achieve territorial plundering and booty. In order to size up the disgraceful nature of this position, suffice it to point out that in the perspective opened by Trump the invasion and

occupation of Kuwait by Iraq in 1990 would have granted Saddam Hussein's regime sovereignty over the small but immensely rich nation, and the United States would have lacked reason to launch the devastating Gulf War to liberate the oil emirate.

The tycoon's reckless irresponsibility, of potentially catastrophic consequences for the Middle East, should be understood as another one of his typical electoral maneuvers, in this case as a gift to his ally and ideological twin. Indeed, Israel will be celebrating anticipated parliamentary elections next month, in which Netanyahu is forced to participate because of the rupture of his governmental alliance, with political challenges emerged in recent weeks (including solid accusations of corruption against the prime minister) that threaten the continuation of the rightist and ultra-rightist coalition governing in Tel Aviv.

An additional implication of this gesture is that it opens the door to a subsequent recognition of the *de facto* annexations perpetrated by Israel in a large part of the West Bank and East Jerusalem (Palestine), which would mean the consummation of the most brutal plundering of a nation's territory in modern history.

Thus, the fragile regional and world stability is threatened by a coarse attempt to influence the Israeli electors in favor of the recalcitrant Zionism, while Trump pleases the islamophobic sectors in his own militant base.

The international community would have to consider this maneuver unacceptable and condemn in the strongest terms this supplanting of the principles of global coexistence by the exchange of favors between reactionary and warlike elites.

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