

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2026*

**Statement on the Implementation of the Second Phase of the Cease-Fire Agreement  
Between Hamas and Israel**

*January 15, 2026*

As Steve Witkoff announced, we have officially entered the next phase of Gaza's 20-point peace plan. Since the cease-fire, my team has helped deliver record levels of humanitarian aid to Gaza, reaching civilians at historic speed and scale. Even the United Nations has acknowledged this achievement as unprecedented. These results have set the stage for this next phase.

As Chairman of the Board of Peace, I am backing a newly appointed Palestinian technocratic government, the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza, supported by the Board's High Representative, to govern Gaza during its transition. These Palestinian leaders are unwaveringly committed to a peaceful future.

With the support of Egypt, Turkey, and Qatar, we will secure a comprehensive demilitarization agreement with Hamas, including the surrender of all weapons and the dismantling of every tunnel. Hamas must immediately honor its commitments, including the return of the final body to Israel, and proceed without delay to full demilitarization. As I have said before, they can do this the easy way, or the hard way. The people of Gaza have suffered long enough. The time is now.

Peace through strength.

NOTE: The statement referred to U.S. Special Envoy for Peace Missions Steven C. Witkoff; and High Representative for Gaza Nikolay Mladenov.

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