

Biden administration to restore aid to Palestinians, reversing Trump-era cuts - January 29, 2021

The US administration of President Joe Biden has announced that it will restore aid to the Palestinians and that it will re-establish its diplomatic mission with the Palestinian Authority (PA), almost three years after the Trump administration halted its funding. During his remarks at the UN Security Council open debate yesterday, the US' Acting Ambassador to the UN Richard Mills stated that part of the Biden administration's engagement with Israel and the Palestinians is "renewing US relations with the Palestinian leadership and Palestinian people, relations which have atrophied over the last four years". Mills said that the renewal of ties and the continuation of funding are not meant as a "favour to the Palestinian leadership," but is a move that will benefit the ongoing peace process overall including the Israeli side. "US assistance benefits millions of ordinary Palestinians and helps to preserve a stable environment that benefits both Palestinians and Israelis," he said.