

Paper: **“The Role of the European Union in Palestinian State-Building”**

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Reviewer C:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title is clear and adequate to the content, nevertheless I would suggest the title to be in affirmative form.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract lacks in presenting methods and outcomes of the research. Moreover, I would suggest not to use personal pronoun like, "In my research", "I am looking for ..." and etc. but simply apply passive voice.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

The spelling and grammatical mistakes are not visible.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The study methods are suggested to be explained. There is no separate sub chapter dedicated to the methodology and methods of the study.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The body of the paper is suggested to contain research mythology and methods, research sampling (who were involved in the research) and research outcomes. The outcomes are visible in the tables but are suggested to be explained in details.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

The conclusion part needs accurate revision and more detailed outcomes concluded.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

As far as the research heavily relies on the literature review and theoretical background the references are suggested to be enriched. Moreover, there are no in-text citations.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

Reviewer G:

Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title is: "Is there a role for the international community in Palestinian state-building?" However, the author focuses on the analysis of the voting results of the EU member states only. Shouldn't the "international community" be replaced by "European Union"? Also, if the title says "Is there a role...", it is not clear if the author speaks normatively or positively. Is the meaning really "Does the international community play a role" or "Should the international community play a role"?

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The methodology has not been reflected upon sufficiently in the abstract. The author states: "In the research methodology, I conducted theoretical and empirical research and examined the resolutions of the UN General Assembly between 2012 and 2022." However, the theoretical and empirical research is not what methodology means. Besides, there is not theoretical research in this paper. Yes, there is a lot of factual description from the field of international relations. However, the factual description is not theory.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

Since I'm not a native speaker in English, I don't feel competent enough to assess the level of English. In my view, though, the level of English is good. I have not come across or noticed any serious grammatical errors or spelling mistakes.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The methods are not explained adequately, I think. The author says on p. 7: "The conclusion to be drawn from this voting mechanism is that there is no coherent consensus among EU Member States, and therefore the idea of a two-state solution, as preferred by the international community, cannot be translated onto the Member States' vision." How does the author measure the level of coherence? Coherence in

time or coherence in space? It seems to me that the author does not offer any objective method. Or this method is not explicitly mentioned in the paper. This is a serious defect which is throwing doubt on the added value of the paper. I suggest and recommend to the author to add a detailed explanation of the method of measurement of the level of coherence of the consensus of the EU member states (in space or time).

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The body of the paper is clear. I'm not an expert in the field of international relations, so, I'm relying on the author's erudition.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

Yes, in my opinion, the conclusion is accurate and supported by the content.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

I suggest to the author

- 1) to add a section on methodology where the author would explain how the level of voting coherence in time or space can be objectively measured.
- 2) to change the title of the paper with respect to the above given recommendations.
- 3) to change the one sentence in the abstract in which the author talks about the methodology, theoretical and empirical research.
- 4) to erase the last source from the list of references OR to make sure it appears in the body of the paper.
