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1. Punitive

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Aiming to punish

- **Sentence:**

- 40 nations, including Pakistan, urge Israel to lift 'punitive' sanctions on Palestinians

2. Call on

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To officially ask a person or organization to do something

- **Sentence:**

- Some 40 countries on Monday called on Israel to lift sanctions it imposed on the Palestinian Authority

3. Retaliation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An act of hurting someone because they hurt you

- **Sentence:**

- In retaliation, Israel announced a series of sanctions, including financial ones, on January 6 against the Palestinian Authority to make it “pay the price” for pushing for the resolution.

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4. Reaffirm

Noun

- **Meaning:**

State again strongly

- **Sentence:**

- In a statement to journalists Monday, some 40 United Nations member states, reaffirming their

5. Unwavering

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Never changing

- **Sentence:**

- In a statement to journalists Monday, some 40 United Nations member states, reaffirming their “unwavering support” for the ICJ and international law,

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6. Weigh in on

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

add your opinion or advice

- **Sentence:**

- Late last month, the UN General Assembly approved a resolution promoted by the Palestinians requesting that the International Court of Justice weigh in on the Israel-Palestinian conflict,

7. Annexation

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Possession taken of a land of a country by force

- **Sentence:**

- requesting that the International Court of Justice weigh in on the Israel-Palestinian conflict, Israeli “annexation” and the “legal status of the occupation.”

8. Deduct

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To take away amount or part from the total

- **Sentence:**

- After the resolution passed, Israel decided to deduct funds from the Palestinian Authority for the benefit of Israeli terror victims,

9. Regardless

Adverb

- **Meaning:**

In spite of every thing

- **Sentence:**

- Regardless of each country's position on the resolution, we reject punitive measures in response to a request for an advisory opinion by the International Court of Justice,

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10. Abstain

Verb

- **Meaning:**

Not to do something you could

- **Sentence:**

- The statement is signed by countries that voted for this resolution (Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Ireland, Pakistan and South Africa, among others) but also by some that abstained

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11. Reiterate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To say again or a number of times

- **Sentence:**

- a spokeswoman for the UN secretary-general reiterated Antonio Guterres's "deep concern" about "recent Israeli measures against the Palestinian Authority," stressing that "there should be no retaliation" in connection with the ICJ.

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12. Verbal exchange

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A conversation between two or more than two people

- **Sentence:**

- A previous meeting this month, after the visit of an Israeli minister to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, known in Judaism as the Temple Mount, led to a tense verbal exchange between Israeli and Palestinian diplomats.

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