

Pompeo announces Israeli settlements do not violate international law

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Trump administration position is in opposition with international law.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Monday announced that the U.S. will not consider Israeli settlements in the West Bank as illegal under international law, putting the Trump administration in opposition with widely held views and reversing previous administrations that sought to reign in settlement activity to advance peace between Israelis and Palestinians.

Pompeo said that the decision helps strengthen the U.S.'s position ahead of the expected release of its Mideast peace plan, authored by Trump's son-in-law and senior advisor Jared Kushner. The secretary didn't give an update on any expected date for the reveal of the peace plan but that the U.S. will release the plan "when the conditions are right."

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