

# It's Time to Invoke the Genocide Convention

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Between November 20 and the morning of December 30, 2023 -- with the count rising at [worldbeyondwar.org/gaza-genocide](https://worldbeyondwar.org/gaza-genocide) (check it anyCme) -- 6,439 people had sent 68,577 emails to the UN missions of South Africa, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Jordan, Turkey, Ireland, Belize, Bolivia, Honduras, Pakistan, and Algeria. Many edited to add their own words, and this template was edited aVer most of those emails were sent, to reflect the fact that South Africa had acted:

***I urge your country, as party to the Genocide Convention, to immediately file a Declaration of Intervention with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in support of the South African case against Israel for the crime of genocide.***

***Your United Nations mission, government leaders, and populace have rightfully expressed outrage at Israel's bombing of hospitals, clinics, apartments, UN refugee centers, and escape routes, disproportionately killing civilians, many of them children, in Gaza's densely packed coastal strip.***

***I ask your country to take the next step, to file a Declaration of Intervention with the ICJ in support of the South African case against Israel on the crime of genocide.***

***Under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the crime of genocide is defined as acts perpetrated to bring about the destruction, in whole or in part, of a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group, as such.***

***Israel's imposition of collective punishment on Gaza, killing, injuring, traumatizing, and making homeless large number of Palestinians and denying an imprisoned population water, food, medicine, and fuel meets the criteria for the crime of genocide.***

***If a majority of the world's nations call for a ceasefire, yet fail to press for prosecution of Israel – what is to stop Israel from ethnically cleansing all Palestinians? For that matter, what is to stop other nations from repeating a horror of this magnitude?***

***I urge you to immediately file a Declaration of Intervention in support of the South African case against Israel at the International Court of Justice to stop the killing in Palestine.***