Protesters Rip Obama Administration Over UN Action on Israel Settlements

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Angry protesters crowded a United Nations plaza Wednesday to rip the Obama Administration for its precedent-setting break with Israel on settlement building.

"I believe that the steps taken by the president here on his final 30 days in office break historical president, barriers, and present all kinds of problems — not only for the security of our most important ally, that being Israel in the Middle East, but also for potential implications on how it affects us, and our relationship to the region," said Kevin McCullough, a syndicated writer and talk show host, who spoke at the rally.

"It is impossible to accept what President Obama and Secretary of State Kerry even were talking about this morning with any degree of seriousness. We have not been a good friend to Israel over the last eight years and it is time that we stop kicking them in the teeth at every opportunity."

Nearly 100 sign-waving, chant-shouting protesters crowded the UN as American and Israeli leaders continued to spar over the U.S. delegation's controversial vote last week on the touchy settlement issue.

The U.S. abstained from a vote Friday on the Security Council resolution upon the belief that Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem would block the road to Palestinian statehood.

While Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Secretary of State John Kerry traded foreign policy barbs over Wednesday, demonstrators came just short of telling Obama what he can do with his Nobel Peace Prize.

Carrying signs reading, "Stop U.S. $ to the United (Arab) Nations," and "Hussein Obama betrays Israel," protesters condemned Obama and spoke of the incoming president with hope and excitement.

"I'm here to voice my indignation at the treachery of Barack Hussein Obama, who stabbed Israel and the Jewish people in the back," said Jonathan Stern, 31, who attended the protest.

"I'm also here to voice my support for president-elect Donald Trump, who will hopefully save us from that treachery of the Obama administration and the perfidious left."