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France and Britain have called on the United Nations Security Council to set a timetable for a [peace agreement](#) between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. France has been working on a draft resolution which would form the basis of renewed talks between the two parties. The European announcement comes on the back of an ever-widening rift between Israel and the United States on several major issues. The disagreement between US President Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu over the Iranian nuclear crisis has been especially sharp, with the latter arguing that the agreement will actually pave the way for Iran to acquire nuclear weapons rather than prevent it. US interference in the Israeli elections, coupled with Netanyahu's election pledge that there would be no Palestinian state established during his term, also served to drive a wedge between the two leaders. This resulted in President Obama threatening to 'reassess' US policy in relation to Israel. Many interpret this to mean that Israel would no longer enjoy 'automatic' support from the US in the United Nations...

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