**COUNTRY** – ISRAEL

**COMMITTEE**-UNGA

**TOPIC** - ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN MIDDLE EAST

**CAUSE-**[Avner Cohen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avner_Cohen" \o "Avner Cohen), [Gerald Steinberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerald_M._Steinberg) and other experts have noted that Israeli policy has emphasized the link between nuclear demilitarization and a comprehensive peace settlement including Palestinian issues and with countries and potential threats in the region, including Syria and Iran.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_East_nuclear_weapon_free_zone#cite_note-16)

**CURRENT POLICY**-Israel developed the [Begin Doctrine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Begin_Doctrine) of [counter-proliferation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counter-proliferation) and [preventive strikes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Preventive_war), denying other regional actors the ability to acquire their own nuclear weapons.  The [Israeli Air Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Air_Force) conducted [Operation Opera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Opera) and [Operation Orchard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Orchard), destroying the [Iraqi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_and_weapons_of_mass_destruction#Program_development_1960s_%E2%80%93_1980s) and [Syrian nuclear reactors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syria_and_weapons_of_mass_destruction#Nuclear_program) in 1981 and 2007, respectively, and the [Stuxnet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuxnet" \o "Stuxnet) [malware](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malware) that severely damaged [Iranian nuclear facilities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_facilities_in_Iran) in 2010 is thought to have been developed by Israel., israel began to investigate the nuclear field soon after it [declared independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_Declaration_of_Independence) in 1948 and, with French co-operation, secretly began building the [Shimon Peres Negev Nuclear Research Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Peres_Negev_Nuclear_Research_Center),[[c]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_weapons_and_Israel#cite_note-31) a facility near [Dimona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dimona" \o "Dimona) housing a [nuclear reactor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_reactor) and [reprocessing plant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_reprocessing) in the late 1950s. The first extensive details of the weapons program came in October 5, 1986, with media coverage of revelations from [Mordechai Vanunu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mordechai_Vanunu" \o "Mordechai Vanunu), a technician formerly employed at the center. Vanunu was soon kidnapped by the [Mossad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mossad" \o "Mossad) and brought back to Israel, where he was sentenced to 18 years in prison for [treason](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treason) and [espionage](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Espionage)