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The United States: on the margin of the world and on the wrong side of history

Over the past months, the Trump administration has taken some crucial and dangerous decisions: from the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital to moving the American embassy there, these events have shaken the world and have destabilised the region even more. The Euromed Feminist Initiative has already **condemned** these decisions.

Unsurprisingly, and after pulling out of UNESCO, Washington has decided to withdraw of the UN Human Rights Council. This latest announcement made on Tuesday the 19th of June by Nikki Haley, the US ambassador to the UN, resonated as another destructive American move led by the Trump administration. Haley said the move "is not a retreat from human rights commitments" and accused the council of being "a protector of human rights abusers and a cesspool of political bias".

This announcement comes after the Council voted last month to probe the killing of scores of Palestinian protesters in the Gaza Strip and accused Israel of excessive use of force. Trump administration move also comes as it faces widespread criticism for detaining children separated from their immigrant parents at the US-Mexico border.

The European Union said the US withdrawal from the 47-member Geneva-based body "risks undermining the role of the US as a champion and supporter of democracy on the world stage".

The Euromed Feminist Initiative condemns such a decision. Withdrawing from a Council that has enabled an independent, authoritative voice to speak out for human rights worldwide, to respond to crises, to support human rights defenders and to bring human rights closer to people shows the United States' complete disregard for the fundamental rights and freedoms that define them.

Euromed Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI advocates for gender equality and women's universal human rights as inseparable from democracy building and citizenship, for political solutions to all conflicts, and for the right of peoples to self-determination.

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