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Q10

'Too little cash, too much politics, leaves UNESCO fighting for life.' Discuss the statement in the light of US' withdrawal and its accusation of the cultural body as being 'anti-Israel bias'

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UNESCO

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; leads education, science, culture and World Heritage work.

Palestine UNESCO membership, 2011

General Conference vote that triggered US funding restrictions under American law and began the cash crisis.

US withdrawal effective 2018

The United States completed withdrawal (Israel also left), citing anti-Israel bias and politicisation; a later administration moved to return.

Assessed contributions

Scale of regular budget dues; loss of a large payer opens a hole that voluntary funds only partly fill.

World Heritage List

UNESCO flagship; Jerusalem and other contested sites became flashpoints when heritage language met sovereignty claims.

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