

# Macron recognises Palestine whilst Starmer prevaricates...

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As [the FT reports](#):

*President Emmanuel Macron has pledged that France will recognise Palestine as a state at the UN General Assembly in September, becoming the biggest and most influential EU country to do so as pressure grows on Israel to end its offensive in Gaza.*

*In a letter sent to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday, the French leader lauded promises that Abbas had made in their discussions and said France would make the long-awaited political move in return.*

They added:

*“In keeping with its historic commitment to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, I have decided that France will recognise the state of Palestine,” Macron wrote in a post on X.*

*“It is urgent now that the war in Gaza stops and that the aid be brought to the population. Peace is possible.”*

I have two obvious comments.

First, good, and about time.

Second, where is Starmer on this? Nowhere of course. Still sitting on the fence as people are killed in a genocide.

History is not going to be kind to him.

I rather hope The Hague won't be either. His indecision is criminal.