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RAMALLAH (AP) - The top Palestinian diplomat says the Palestinians will submit a bid for full membership at the U.N. Security Council September 23.

Riad al-Malki's told reporters September 15 in the West Bank capital of Ramallah that the bid would be submitted September 23.

His remarks appear to end the speculation over whether the Palestinians would risk a threatened U.S. veto of their statehood bid.

The other option was to seek a lesser status as a non-member observer from the U.N. General Assembly, where the United States does not wield veto power.

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