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UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas Friday gave U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon an application for U.N. recognition of Palestinian statehood opposed by the United States and Israel, a U.N. spokesman said. Abbas met Ban at United Nations headquarters to present the formal request to the U.N. Security Council, which is expected to take time to consider it.

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