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WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States and its partners in the international diplomatic "quartet" on the Middle East have failed to reach agreement on how to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

That deals a blow to efforts to avert a looming confrontation at the United Nations over recognizing Palestine as an independent nation.

A senior U.S. official says a June 11 meeting between Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, E.U. foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was unable to produce a unified statement on how to proceed.

The official says that "much more work" needs to be done before the quartet can issue a call for the parties to re-launch negotiations.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private working dinner at the State Department.

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