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## **FORMER DIPLOMATS ACCUSE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER OF DISINFORMATION OVER UN ENVOY ALBANESE**

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A group of 151 former ministers, ambassadors, and diplomats accused the French foreign minister, Jean-Noël Barrot, of spreading disinformation on Wednesday (18 February), and called for a correction to comments he made about the United Nations rapporteur for Palestine, Francesca Albanese.

Their open letter concerns Barrots citing of a manipulated version of remarks by Albanese, which were made at the Al Jazeera Media Forum on 7 February.

She is accused of calling Israel the common enemy of humanity during her talk at the forum.

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