

RESOLUTION 4.7

PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

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1. Congress deplores the fact that in July and August 2014 over 2,000 Palestinians were killed, most of whom were civilians including 500 children and 69 Israelis, 4 of whom were civilians.
2. Congress particularly deplores attacks on UN facilities in Gaza, including the attacks on 7 UNWRA schools which killed more than 50 people and injured over 300.
3. Congress deplores racism, discrimination and hate crimes of any form, including anti-semitism, such as attacks on synagogues.
4. Congress is dismayed that the quest for peace and justice for the students, teachers and citizens of the occupied Palestine Territory has moved backwards since EI 6th World Congress in 2011.
5. Congress reaffirms the following from the 2011 EI statement on Israel and Palestine:
 - a. EI's belief that the full implementation of UN Resolution 242 (1967) and Resolution 338 (1973) are fundamental to the achievement of a just and lasting peace.
 - b. EI's view that the continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank, the existence of illegal Israeli settlements there and their impact on the lives of Palestinians including access to water along with the siege of Gaza impose severe constraints on the potential for Palestinian economic and social development.
 - c. EI's call for the 700 kilometre Wall to be removed in accordance with the decision of the International Court of Justice (July 2004).
 - d. EI's concern at the inhuman treatment of Palestinian child prisoners as documented by DCI (Palestine).
6. Congress notes that in 2012, the United Nations approved the de facto recognition of a Palestinian state - there were 138 votes in favour, nine against and 41 abstentions. In 2014 the European Parliament carried a resolution on recognition of Palestinian statehood. Currently more than 130 countries recognise Palestine. It is vital that the movement for the recognition of Palestine gathers further momentum.
7. Congress calls on affiliates and the EI Board to via national governments;
 - a. Put pressure on the Government of Israel to conform to UN resolutions and the ruling of the ICJ,
 - b. Call upon the Government of Israel to immediately end the siege of Gaza and to pay reparations for the destruction of schools and hospitals destroyed by the Israeli armed forces during Operation Collective Edge.
 - c. Call upon all donor governments to immediately submit their contributions to the appropriate authorities in order that the rebuilding of Gaza can commence.

- d. Call on governments to end arms trading with Israel including all military-industrial collaboration.
 - e. Urge affiliates in countries which do not recognise Palestine to press their governments to do so.
8. Further calls upon affiliates and the EI Board to:
- a. Support the right of Palestinians within Israel to develop a curriculum which preserves their heritage and ends discrimination in education,
 - b. Boycott the goods of companies who profit from illegal settlements, the occupation and the construction of the Wall, and
 - c. Continue to pursue its policies on Israel/Palestine through the newly constituted Middle East Advisory Committee.