

# SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

ENDING EUROPEAN COMPLICITY WITH ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

## HOW IS EUROPE COMPLICIT ?

- The European Union (EU) and European states have failed to hold Israel accountable for its grave violations of international law;
- Europe is providing Israel with political, economic and military support;
- Since 2000 the EU-Israel Association Agreement is the main basis for the economic relations between the EU and Israel. Israel is in clear breach of the human rights clause of this Agreement;
- Europe is the biggest market for Israeli goods;
- Israeli exports to the EU were worth 21,142 billion euro during 2016, accounting for 30 percent of all Israeli exports;

## WHAT CAN YOUR UNION DO ?

**Join the European Trade Union Initiative for Justice in Palestine**

**Adopt motions** calling for an end to EU's complicity and for the suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement

**Demand a clear position** against the EU's complicity from the European trade union movement

Call for a **ban of products** from the illegal Israeli settlements and for companies to **end their complicity** in violations of international law and Palestinian human rights

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### ISRAELI APARTHEID, OCCUPATION AND COLONIALISM

Israel's ongoing violations of international law and human rights has effectively created a fully fledged apartheid regime. Israel continues to illegally occupy, colonise Palestine and to ethnically cleanse the Palestinian people from their land. Palestinian refugees are still denied their right of return.

#### IT IS NOW :

- 100 years since the « Balfour Declaration » of 1917
- 70 years since the Nakba, expulsion of 750 000 Palestinians
- 50 years since the occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
- 15 years since the construction of an illegal apartheid wall over 700 km long
- 10 years since the imposition of a land, sea and air blockade on the Gaza Strip



### WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION INITIATIVE FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE ?

It is a network of 31 European trade union groups representing more than 3 million workers, committed to challenging European governments' and EU's complicity with Israel's violations of international law and establishing a cross European platform in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

#### Initial endorsers of the initiative

The Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU), Fagforbundet (Norway), Union syndicale Solidaires (France), La Centrale Générale-FGTB (Belgium), ACV/CSC Brussels (Belgium), UNISON (UK), The Norwegian Trade Union LO in Trondheim, Unison N. Ireland, Derry Trades Union Council, Belfast&District Trades Union Council, Workmates - trade union section of Norwegian Palestine Committee (Norway), Trade Union Friends of Palestine (Ireland), Communications Workers Union (Ireland), Confederacion Intersindical Galega (Spain), Mandate Trade Union (Ireland), ELA – Basque Workers Solidarity, IRW-CGSP (Belgium), LBC-NVK (Belgium), Palestinawerkgroep-FNV (The Netherlands), CNE (Belgium), IAC (Spain), Civil Public and Services Union - CPSU (Ireland), Intersindical Valenciana, Irish National Teachers' Organisation - Branches: Derry City, Newry, Dungannon, Armagh, Belfast West, The Palestine Committee of Norway, Union section (Union of railway workers), IMPACT (Ireland), CGT France – 66, The Northern Ireland Public Service Alliance.