

FGTB CONGRESS MOTION – JUNE 2022

Solidarity with Palestine

FGTB reiterates its opposition to the military occupation and annexation of the Palestinian territories and demands that the Israeli government respects international law and UN resolutions.

We ask Belgium to recognize Palestine as a sovereign state, within internationally recognized borders and with East Jerusalem as its capital. Such a solution is an indispensable step towards the establishment of the right to self-determination and a just and fair settlement of the conflict..

Only peaceful coexistence and cooperation can bring about a lasting peace for all. Israel is guilty of institutionalized and systematic discrimination and apartheid against Palestinian citizens.

States, corporations and financial institutions have a special obligation not to cooperate in the perpetuation of an apartheid regime.

The illegal wall, the numerous checkpoints, the installation of settlements and the establishment of no-go military zones for Palestinians are creating a fragmentation of the territory and an economic stranglehold that prohibits any possibility of economic and social development for Palestine.

Palestinians are harassed at checkpoints on their way to work, discriminated against in the job market and subjected to arbitrary employer practices. And Palestinians in Israel are very often considered as second-class citizens.

The FGTB reaffirms its solidarity and commitment to cooperation with the Palestinian people and workers and all those who defend the condemnation of the occupation, peace, cooperation and coexistence in Israel.

FGTB calls for a ban on the import of products from the illegal settlements and the severing of every economic link with them.

Exactly 15 years ago, the blockade of the Gaza Strip was imposed. The consequences for the population are dramatic. Gaza has the highest unemployment rate in the world and 50% of its population lives below the poverty line.

The FGTB demands an end to the blockade and collective punishment.

The FGTB supports the demand to stop all forms of arms trade with Israel.

FGTB calls on the Belgian government to actively support the United Nations in its efforts to update the list of companies active in the settlements.

The FGTB supports the Centrals in their action against companies whose economic activities contribute to the settlements and the occupation.

Finally, FGTB condemns without appeal the murder of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh on 11 May and the actions of the Israeli police at her funeral two days later.

The FGTB will actively defend this resolution with the ETUC and the ITUC.