

R3 Resolution for Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel

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Motion text

1 The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) and its member organisations are
2 gravely concerned by the ongoing situation in Palestine and Israel. We are
3 particularly disturbed by the far-right Israeli Government's flagrant disregard
4 for the ICJ's ruling that Israel must halt its military operations in Rafah and
5 Gaza on the grounds that such actions could lead to conditions conducive to
6 genocide (United Nations, 2023).

7 This resolution is borne out of the recognition that the European Union (EU) and
8 the governments of EU member states and other European countries have the urgent
9 responsibility to do everything in their power to prevent a genocide of the
10 Palestinian people, and to work towards peace between Israel and
11 Palestine—however distant this prospect may seem today.

12 FYEG condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the horrific terrorist attacks
13 of October 7th, in which Hamas abducted hundreds of civilians in a surprise
14 assault targeting a music festival, public spaces, and people's homes (BBC,
15 2023). These attacks, in which there are widespread reports of the use of rape
16 as a weapon of war, constitute war crimes (Human Rights Watch, 2023). Hamas must
17 immediately and unconditionally release all hostages.

18 We also recognise the decades of systemic oppression of Palestinians by the
19 Israeli state, and the failure of liberal democracies of the West to play a
20 useful role in the establishment of Peace and enforcement of UN resolutions in
21 the area. Movement restrictions, such as the network of checkpoints and a
22 complex permit system, severely hinder the daily lives of Palestinians,
23 impacting access to education, healthcare, employment, and family life (United
24 Nations, 2023). Land confiscation and settlement expansion policies in the West
25 Bank and East Jerusalem forcibly displace Palestinian families and consolidate
26 Israeli control over critical resources (Amnesty International, 2021). The dual
27 legal system in the West Bank, where Israeli settlers are subject to Israeli
28 civil law while Palestinians are governed by military law, further entrenches
29 discrimination and inequality (United Nations Office for the Coordination of
30 Humanitarian Affairs, 2022). Discriminatory urban planning policies result in
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32 the demolition of Palestinian homes and severe building restrictions, leading to
33 forced displacement and hindering Palestinian development (Human Rights Watch,
2020).

34 The blockade on Gaza, imposed since 2007, restricts the movement of people and
35 goods, exacerbating poverty and humanitarian crises (United Nations, 2021).
36 Throughout history, violence by Israel against Palestinians has been marked by
37 atrocities. Notable examples include the massacres of Deir Yassin, Lydda, and
38 Al-Dawayima in 1948, the Khan Yunis, Rafah, and Kafr Qasim massacres in 1956,
39 and various acts of violence during the 1967 Six-Day War (Palestinian Return
40 Centre). Recent conflicts, such as the May 2021 conflict, have seen Israeli
41 airstrikes resulting in unacceptable civilian casualties, as exemplified by the
42 strikes on Al-Wahda Street in Gaza City and the al-Shati refugee camp (Human
43 Rights Watch, 2021).

44 Since October 7th, the Israeli Government's response has escalated dramatically,
45 committing actions that amount to war crimes and state terrorism (Amnesty
46 International, 2023). Numerous Israeli airstrikes have targeted densely
47 populated areas in Gaza, leading to significant civilian casualties (Human
48 Rights Watch, 2023). On October 17, 2023, the Israeli military brutally attacked
49 Al Ahli Hospital, killing over 470 civilians (United Nations, 2023) and the
50 UNRWA school in Al Maghazi Refugee Camp, which sheltered around 4,000 displaced
51 people (United Nations, 2023). These heinous attacks not only cause immediate
52 and unacceptable loss of human life but also obliterate essential civilian
53 infrastructure, exacerbating civilian suffering (Amnesty International, 2023).
54 Additionally, the large-scale evacuations ordered in northern Gaza on October
55 15, 2023, result in forced displacement without adequate provisions or safe
56 relocation areas, flagrantly violating international humanitarian law (Human
57 Rights Watch, 2023). The complete siege of Gaza, cutting off vital supplies like
58 food, water, and medicine, amounts to collective punishment with catastrophic
59 consequences for the civilian population (United Nations, 2023). The use of
60 white phosphorus in densely populated areas, such as the attack on Gaza City
61 port on October 11, 2023, verified by Human Rights Watch, is a blatant violation
62 of international humanitarian law (Human Rights Watch, 2023). Attacks on
63 humanitarian workers, including the drone strike on World Central Kitchen
64 Workers on April 1, 2024, and a Doctors Without Borders convoy on November 18,
65 2023, are egregious impediments to humanitarian efforts and violate
66 international protections for humanitarian personnel (Médecins Sans Frontières,
67 2023). As the International Rescue Committee stated, due to the actions of the
68 Israeli military, "Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world to be an aid
69 worker, as well as the most dangerous place to be a civilian" (International
70 Rescue Committee, 2023).

71 The Israeli Parliament's vote against the two-state solution is yet more
72 evidence that the political leadership in the country does not take seriously
73 the peaceful resolution of this conflict or the rights of Palestinians, and

74 makes clear their intent to eradicate Palestine (The Guardian, 2023).

75 The illegal actions of the Israeli government are not reflective of the totality
76 of the citizens of Israel, Jewish faith or the global Jewish community, and to
77 suggest otherwise is antisemitic. Rhetoric which downplays the seriousness of
78 the Holocaust is Holocaust denialism and is, in turn, antisemitic. Likewise,
79 Islamist terrorist organisations, that mostly target and terrorise the peoples
80 living in countries with a Muslim majority, do not represent Islam or the global
81 Muslim community, and to suggest otherwise is Islamophobic. FYEG is committed to
82 the eradication of antisemitism, Islamophobia and other racial, ethnic or
83 religious discrimination in all forms. Europe is experiencing a rise in
84 antisemitism and anti-Muslim racism all over Europe (European Union Agency for
85 Fundamental Rights, 2023). We strongly condemn all incidents against Jewish and
86 Muslim communities and institutions. Every incident is an attack against our
87 shared values, our democracy, and our pluralistic societies.

88 The further escalation of this conflict outside of the borders of Israel and
89 Palestine is of grave concern. Particular flashpoints have included Hezbollah's
90 rocket attacks on Israel from Lebanon and Israel's bombing of Hezbollah in
91 Lebanese territory (BBC, 2023) as well as Israel's bombing of the Iranian
92 embassy in Syria and the attacks launched in retaliation against Israeli targets
93 by Iran (Reuters, 2023).

94 The international community has repeatedly called for Israel to end its
95 oppressive practices and adhere to international law (United Nations, 2023).
96 However, Israel's actions continue unabated, leading to widespread condemnation
97 and calls for accountability (Amnesty International, 2023). We, the Federation
98 of Young European Greens, are adding our collective voice to this call. As a
99 federation committed to LGBTQ+ liberation, we reject Israel's
100 instrumentalisation of our struggle through the pinkwashing of its crimes.

101 The Federation of Young European Greens calls upon the EU, the governments of EU
102 member states and other European states to:

- 103 • Recognise the right of Palestinian and Israeli people to self-
104 determination, and reaffirm support for a two-state solution based on
105 secure and mutually agreed borders on 1967 lines.

- 106 • Recognise the state of Palestine, with its capital in Jerusalem, and
107 welcome it into the UN.

- 108 • Condemn the criminalisation and police violence against Palestine
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protestors in Europe.

- 110 • Divest public bodies from companies involved in human rights abuses or war
111 crimes.

- 112 • Ensure Israel abides by Article 2 of the EU-Israel association agreement,
113 respecting human rights and democratic principles.

- 114 • Prohibit the import of all Israeli goods and services from the occupied
115 territories.

- 116 • End the sale and export of weapons to Israel.

- 117 • Promote divestment from companies supporting human rights abuses or war
118 crimes.

- 119 • Increase funding for political education about the conflict, antisemitism,
120 and anti-Muslim racism, and strengthen youth exchange programmes between
121 Europeans, Israelis, and Palestinians.

122 Furthermore, to offer a perspective of just peace and mutual prosperity for all
123 peoples in both Palestine and Israel, we call upon the Israeli government to:

- 124 • Cease and dismantle illegal settlements and return land to rightful
125 Palestinian owners in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 242,
126 252, and 446.

- 127 • Immediately release all Palestinians arbitrarily detained, particularly
128 minors.

- 129 • Stop using administrative detention and ensure the right to a fair trial.

- 130 • Withdraw forces to internationally recognised Israeli territory.

- 131 • Allow freedom of movement for all Israeli and Palestinian people and
132 remove checkpoints.

- 133 • Facilitate humanitarian aid and supplies into Palestine and ensure
134 unimpeded access for humanitarian actors.

- 135 • Address the increase in settler violence and end the use of excessive
136 force by the Israeli military in the West Bank, which have led to
137 killings, injuries, displacement, and increased movement restrictions.

- 138 • End the sea and land blockade on Gaza immediately.

139 Similarly, we call upon the political leadership in both Israel and Palestine
140 to:

- 141 • Implement an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

- 142 • Abide by international treaties promoting peace and security, including
143 the Geneva Convention and the 1951 Refugee Convention.

- 144 • Negotiate a just solution for Palestinian refugees' right to return, with
145 appropriate compensation for those who do not return.

- 146 • Cooperate with all ICC arrest warrants.

- 147 • Guarantee full human, civil, and political rights for all, regardless of
148 religion or ethnicity.

- 149 • Respect and promote a tolerant environment for the free practice of all
150 religious confessions, including the physical integrity and granted access
151 to religious buildings and spaces.

- 152 • Respect the freedom of opinion and expression of parliamentarians,

153 journalists, artists and all other civilians and to make sure that people
154 are freely able to exercise these rights in a safe and respectful
155 environment.

156 Finally, we call upon the international community to:

- 157 • Do everything in its power to de-escalate the conflict and prevent its
158 spreading elsewhere. In particular, the Iranian regime must cease all
159 support and funding for Hamas and other terrorist organisations in the
160 region (United States Institute of Peace, 2023).

- 161 • Carry out full and independent investigations into all potential
162 violations of international law (Human Rights Watch, 2023).

- 163 • Hold those who break international law accountable and support the work of
164 the International Criminal Court (International Criminal Court, 2023).

- 165 • In particular, Qatar, which is used as a residence by some Hamas leaders
166 to escape justice, must become a member of the ICC and cooperate with the
167 court (United Nations, 2023).

- 168 • Enforce warrants issued by the International Criminal Court. This must
169 begin with the end to the active blocking of ICC jurisdiction by the UK
170 and US Governments (The Guardian, 2023).

171 **Conclusion**

172 The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) stands firm in its commitment to
173 justice, peace, and the protection of human rights. We call for sustainable and
174 long-term solutions to address the root causes of the situation, and we express
175 our solidarity with all victims. The international community must act decisively
176 to end the violence and support a just and lasting resolution.

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