R11 A De-colonial Approach to Palestine and Israel

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Motion text

The Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG) expresses its deepest concern and condemnation of the ongoing genocide in Palestine, especially in the Gaza Strip, and the broader humanitarian and political catastrophe. As the youth wing of the European Green Party and an organisation committed to climate justice, decoloniality, feminism, non-violence, anti-racism and -fascism, we cannot remain silent in the face of such clear and devastating injustice.

We denounce the international community's failure to intervene effectively to stop Israel's assault on Gaza, the West-Bank, and neighbouring countries, and we oppose the continued support that Israel receives from the European Union, the United States, and other states through arms deals, diplomatic cover, and financial assistance. This resolution articulates FYEG’s firm anti-imperialist, decolonial position on this situation in the Middle-East.

The Occupation and Humanitarian Crisis

Since October 2023, Israel has dramatically escalated its military operations in Gaza. As of May 2025, over 50,000 Palestinians have been killed, and tens of thousands more injured or unaccounted for, many buried under rubble. Most of Gaza’s population has been forcibly displaced multiple times. Hospitals, schools, refugee camps, and UN-run facilities have been deliberately bombed. Israel's restriction on aid access has created famine conditions in northern Gaza and critical shortages elsewhere. Water is undrinkable. Electricity is cut. Fuel for hospitals is blocked. In addition at least 408 aid workers have been killed – often in clearly marked convoys. The siege is total.

In July 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled in its advisory opinion that Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory is illegal under international law. The ICJ emphasised Israel’s responsibility as an occupying power to ensure the welfare of the occupied population, which Israel is failing to uphold. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have documented indiscriminate bombing, enforced displacement, and intentional destruction of civilian infrastructure and the environment.

The systematic denial of food, water, and medical care — combined with incitement to violence by Israeli officials and the continued bombardment of areas even after civilians were ordered to evacuate there — demonstrates genocidal intent. Under Article II of the 1948 Genocide Convention, creating conditions calculated to destroy a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group constitutes genocide.

Amnesty International's 2024 report confirms deliberate attacks on civilian areas. The destruction of entire neighbourhoods, use of white phosphorus, targeted killings of journalists, and the systematic dismantling of Gaza's infrastructure all contribute to the destruction of Palestinian life and future. Pink-washing to justify oppression by Israel must also be denounced, as it attempts to frame colonial violence as "progressive."

We recognise the legitimate right of oppressed people to resist. At the same time, we reaffirm our non-violent principles and condemn all violations of international humanitarian law — including the targeting of civilians, taking of hostages, and acts of gender-based violence committed by any party.

A Framework for Just Peace

As young greens and anti-colonial activists, we reject any narrative that frames this genocide as a symmetrical conflict. It is not. It is the brutal oppression of a colonized people by a militarized and internationally backed occupying power. The ongoing genocide and occupation cannot be resolved by merely ending overt acts of violence—whether bombings, starvation, or obstruction of aid. A meaningful resolution must address the structural imbalance between Israel as the colonizing power and Palestine as the colonized population.

The path forward requires acknowledging the power asymmetry between the coloniser and the colonised. Palestinians do not have a standing army, state infrastructure, or freedom of movement. In contrast, Israel possesses overwhelming military force, nuclear weapons, and enjoys full diplomatic and economic support from major Western powers. Any peace process that ignores this imbalance will only reproduce violence.

Therefore, a truly just and sustainable peace cannot be built on colonial foundations. The so-called "two-state solution" has been used as a rhetorical shield by the international community while Israel entrenches control through settlements, apartheid, and military occupation. It is no longer viable — if it ever was — and simply reinforces colonial logic that privileges state sovereignty over people's lived realities.

The current de facto reality is an apartheid regime under Israel's control, where Palestinians are denied equal rights, freedom of movement, and access to resources. Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and within

Israel itself live under various forms of control, dispossession, and structural violence. The Israeli government has enshrined Jewish supremacy in its legal frameworks, consolidating an apartheid system as documented by B'Tselem, Amnesty, and Human Rights Watch.

We therefore call for a single, democratic, secular state in historic Palestine – from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea – where eventually all people, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, enjoy equal rights. A unified state must guarantee the right of return for Palestinian refugees as enshrined in UN Resolution 194, dismantle all forms of apartheid, and institute full legal and political equality.

This vision demands demilitarisation, restorative justice, and reparations. We reject attempts to "normalise" the occupation through economic integration, humanitarian band-aids, or security guarantees for the occupier while the occupied are caged. Peace cannot mean the silencing of the oppressed. It must mean liberation.

Final Remarks

FYEG reaffirms its commitment to a decolonial, anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and feminist approach to international justice. Our values compel us to speak out against genocide, apartheid, and settler colonialism wherever they occur.

We reject narratives of "both sides" that obscure the reality of occupation and genocide. There is no symmetry between an occupying military power and a stateless, colonised people. Legality, especially when shaped by colonial powers, cannot replace morality. Throughout history, laws have upheld slavery, apartheid, and occupation. Justice must come from the people.

Ending Israel's assault on Gaza is only the first step. We must address the root causes of the conflict: settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and global complicity. Palestinians are not victims of a natural disaster. They are being deliberately targeted by a state that enjoys international impunity.

We stand with Palestinian, Jewish, and international voices of conscience who demand liberation, safety, and dignity for all.

From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free. From the sea to the river, Palestine will live forever.

FYEG Calls Upon:

The International Community to:

- Recognise the situation in Palestine as a genocide.

- End all military, economic, material, intelligence, and diplomatic support for Israel.
- Reinstate and fully fund UNRWA and ensure protection of all aid workers.
- Comply with and support ICC and ICJ processes, including arrest warrants for Israeli officials accused of war crimes.
- Protect the rights of pro-Palestinian protestors and civil society actors worldwide.
- Ban Israel from international platforms such as Eurovision, FIFA, and UEFA.
- Ban NGOs and foundations that support Israeli settlements or apartheid.
- Support Palestinian resistance and civil society without reducing it to “terrorism.”
- Reject the IHRA definition of antisemitism, which conflates legitimate criticism of Israel with hate speech; adopt the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism.

The European Green Party and Other Political Parties to:

- Publicly name and condemn the genocide in Gaza.
- Demand an arms embargo on Israel and enforce boycotts of companies complicit in occupation, in line with BDS principles.
- Oppose EU-Israel trade agreements and association deals.
- Advocate for Palestinian right of return and a decolonial peace framework.
- Pressure member states to halt any cooperation with Israel’s military-industrial complex.

The European Union and Member States to:

- Recognise Palestine as a sovereign state.
- Launch infringement procedures against member states violating international law.
- Fund reparations, reconstruction, and trauma recovery programs for Gaza.

- Legislate against illegal Israeli settlement goods and invest in Palestinian civil infrastructure.
- Support Palestinian education, cultural preservation, and environmental sovereignty.
- Condemn Israeli attacks on press freedom, education, and cultural heritage.

The State of Israel to:

- Immediately cease all military operations in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria.
- End the siege on Gaza and allow unrestricted humanitarian access.
- Halt settlement expansion and dismantle all illegal outposts.
- Stop all forms of pinkwashing and instrumentalisation of feminism and LGBTQ+ rights to justify occupation.
- Cooperate fully with ICC, ICJ, and UN investigative bodies.
- Release all unlawfully imprisoned Palestinians.
- Allow displaced Palestinians to return and provide reparations.
- Cooperate with global actors pursuing justice and peace through decolonial frameworks.

Palestinian Leadership and Resistance Movements to:

- Uphold international humanitarian law and end attacks on civilians.
- Release hostages with dignity and medical care.
- Eliminate gender-based violence in all forms.
- Ensure aid reaches all civilians regardless of factional lines.
- Cooperate with global actors pursuing justice and peace through decolonial frameworks.

Reason

This is a re-worked resolution that replaces R11, to adapt the length of the text to the maximum length as per Internal Rules of Procedure, reworked by the proposers following the proposed Presidency's request.

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