R4 AM8: Protecting International Law Against Empires: to Infinity and Beyond

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Motion text

From line 30 to 35:

~~Israel's strikes on Iran, with US support, and the invasion of Lebanon, including sieges and attacks on healthcare and civilian areas, constitute violations of international law and possible war crimes. The ongoing assault on Gaza, which UN bodies and genocide scholars deemed genocide in 2025, exemplifies imperial violence through occupation, collective punishment, and denial of Palestinian self-determination.~~
US Strikes against Iran's islamist dictatorship, with Israeli support, including sieges and attacks on healthcare and civilian areas, constitute violations of international law and possible war crimes.

Delete from line 76 to 78:

- ~~The EU end all economic and political relations with states that violate human rights. We call on the EU to completely repeal the EU-Israel Association Agreement.~~

Reason

1. Regarding Iran war: We would argue that the US is the actual superpower and the one in the driving seat here. Israel would not have done anything in this regard without it.
2. Regarding Israel's actions in Gaza: we are not against critizising Israeli breaches of international law, but are uncomfortable with three points:
    1. Listing a state with 10 million inhabitants among the big imperial superpowers.
    2. Only pointing out Israeli breaches of law and not the ones of their adversaries.
    3. Categorizing the Israeli military campaogn in Gaza as genocide. We do not share that analysis and want to wait for the ruling of the ICJ.
3. Regarding the first point of demands: that would not leave a lot of states to have ties with and include the EU's biggest trade partners (China, US). This demand is contradictory with the thirdteenth point, about using European

trade relations as leverage against the death penalty. You cannot use economy as leverage (e.g. in negotiations with Israel about humanitarian improvements in Gaza) if you have no economic ties.