



Resolution Olive Branch

Adopted by FYEG General Assembly at its meeting in July 2014 in Strasbourg.

The Member Organizations of the Federation of Young European Greens (FYEG), together at the General Assembly in Strasbourg from 10 till 14 July 2014, Referring to the FYEG's commitment to the universality of human rights (959-60 Political platform 2012), its commitment to pacifism (991), people's right to (cultural) self-determination (281) and finally its rejection of colonialism (910), Stressing that the FYEG should speak up against injustice anywhere, anytime, Noting the failure of the US led Palestinian-Israeli peace progress, Deploring the utter disregard of international law, as well as continuous human rights abuses on both sides of the conflict

Noting the failure of the US led Palestinian-Israeli peace process, Deploring the disregard of international law as well as continuous human rights abuses, and bearing in mind the importance of the regional complexity of the conflict in the Middle East, we believe it is important to have a stand on this issue. We recognize the continuous problem of anti-semitism especially in the Middle East and condemn racism of any kind.

FYEG, as a federation due to its fundamental values stands against any military engagement, war, occupation and intervention between any states or ethnic groups. We claim that any national or ethnic group has rights to sovereignty; debate independence and acquire it. FYEG sees the impact and responsibility of Pan-European States, the EU and CoE in relation to conflict in Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT). FYEG advocates universal human rights for everyone as well as right of environment, and future generations. Due to the politics of war, the existence of Israel is threatened as well as the OPT. As we fight for sovereignty of Catalan, Kurdish or Basque, we affirm same duty for sovereignty of Palestinians and Arab Israelis.

At the current state of affairs, FYEG supports a two-state solution where both peoples have the right to govern themselves and have the sovereignty over their own land. We believe that this solution must be implemented now, with the immediate application of international law i.e. withdrawal of illegal settlements and facilities, and end of the occupation. Humane solutions must be found on both sides, for the security needs of Israel as well as for the 5 million Palestinian refugees, for everyone to live freely and peacefully in this land.

The wall

The wall (or as it is sometimes called, barrier) consists of bricks, fences and trenches and is built in between Israel, Israeli settlements included, and the Palestinian territories. The wall is located for most part on the land of the Palestinian territories and on the whole does not follow or respect the Green Line. Upon completion, the wall will be 700 km long. The advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice stated in 2004 that the wall has been constructed illegally.

FYEG believes that a wall between two kinds of peoples hinders the reconciliation and peaceful coexistence. Therefore, we take a strong stand against the existence of such a construction, especially when built on other people's territory.

FYEG believes that in order to create sustainable peace, people need to know each other; they need to be able to live together and learn from each other. Therefore, even though we



support the creation of two separate states, we are supportive of two states open to all people. We want to promote peaceful coexistence, stressing the necessity of connecting, learning about and from each other, and jointly building free, open and sustainable societies.

Note on FYEG Implementation

While feeling that our position laid out in this motion is clear, we particularly note the autonomy of individual Member Organisations and respect their right to take a separate stance on this issue. No Member Organisation should feel that this motion binds them to a political position, while having the opportunity to contribute to the process of discussion and decision making mandated herein.

We call upon the Executive Committee and relevant Working Groups of the FYEG:

1. To facilitate and encourage further discussion between the relevant working groups of the FYEG and its Member Organizations on the current state of affairs in Israel and the OPT.
2. To organise event(s) such as inter-MO meetings as well as trainings for their activists through the support of long term cooperation and intervention of specialists, stakeholders and external experts from international foundations and NGOs working on the exchange between Israelis and Palestinians or working on peacebuilding-projects; to facilitate and encourage the internal discussion within MOs and between themselves on the issue. In this perspective, the EC should make its possible to organisation of a study visit on the field for the Mos.
3. To aim to for developing and deepening our policy position regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in line with the mentioned values enshrined in the FYEG's political platform; in other words, a position that will promote human rights and the right of self-determination for Israeli and Palestinians alike.
4. To present the debate's outcome at the next GA for confirmation by the Member Organizations.
5. Therefore, the relevant working groups of the FYEG and its Member Organizations will be included into the process.