



# TAKE ACTIVE INITIATIVE TOWARDS ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

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In order to facilitate the reconciliation process between various Member Organisations of the Federation of Young European Greens [FYEG], the General Assembly calls on all parties involved in this issue to consider this resolution. Without a proper debate, this resolution does not necessarily fulfil the needs of all Member Organisations and can hence only be understood as the starting point for a discussion. It is understood that this paper cannot be seen a final position, but rather as a sign of good faith and trust in the possibility of a good debate between all parties that results into an end of the damaging debate between MOs at the next reasonable opportunity:

The last Gaza war cost over 2.000 lives, over 95% of the victims being Palestinian. We as Young Greens strongly opposed this war, as well as others throughout the years. We criticise attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas and other militant groups, they have to stop.

We criticise that Israel used excessive force in the last Gaza war. We support the independent commission of inquiry of possible war crimes on both sides established by the United Nations Human Rights Council. During this Gaza war, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu openly denounced the two-state solution that the EU as well as European Greens have sought for so many years. He clearly stated that he had no intention whatsoever to pursue that goal. In contravention of UN resolutions the continuing Israeli occupation, in particular the settlement policy that is being put in place, is creating facts on the ground that tend to make the prospects of a two-state solution more and more remote. The United States government failed in its most recent attempt to resuscitate the so-called peace process. The Quartet, under the non-existent leadership of Tony Blair has failed to deliver anything for years. But even though the prospects for a sustainable solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict and the end of the protracted occupation policies appear as distant as ever, we will continue to advocate the two-States solution, unless Israelis and Palestinians themselves choose a different path towards a lasting peace. We call on EU Member States to follow the example of the new red-green Swedish government in recognising Palestine and welcome the vote of the British House of Commons and Irish Senate asking their governments to do the same.



Greens do want Israel to be able to live in peace within secure borders and without fear of violence or aggression. At the same time and equally intensely we want the Palestinians to be able to build their own future peacefully self-governed in an independent self-determined state side by side with Israel and their other neighbours, e.g. the Ramallah government has proven its capacity to carry out economic reforms. Towards this goal we support Palestinian reconciliation and welcome the fact that Palestinians are seeking to re-unite and speak with one credible voice. This will constitute a significant step forwards to the peace process in the region. Beyond that, the EU should accept its responsibility and take a bold and comprehensive peace initiative for the region based on the Arab peace initiative of 2002. Although the EU has taken some steps to be more explicit in communicating to the Israeli authorities its criticism of their policies, the EU should act clearer and more coherent on export of products originating from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, on Israel's' settlement policy in violation of international law and on Israel's' policy towards its Arab citizens. Everybody has to right to a free and fair trial, therefore this right must be given to prisoners held under administrative detention We are concerned by the fate of the Palestinian refugees. We support the implementation of the right to return as an integral part of a negotiated peace solution.

Greens do not accept any racial, ethnic or religious discrimination of minority groups or the forced acquisition of their property or vital resources. The Greens are concerned that EU - funded development projects have been destroyed by the Israeli offensives. Once assessed, we call on the EU to look into securing compensation for the damage. Greens will continue to remind Israel that as the occupying power it has a particular responsibility to comply with international law, including upholding accountability for violations of international humanitarian law or human rights. In this regard, we call upon the Israeli and Egyptian authorities to cease all blockades to access of support in the Gaza strip according to the cease fire agreement. More specifically, we insist that the EU-Israeli Association agreement should be revisited, and that clear conditions should be identified with regards to the human rights violations in Gaza, the occupation of Palestine territories, and the destruction of – EU-funded – civil infrastructure in the Palestinian territories.