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Executive Committee Resolution

We stand for peace and justice

The International Court of Justice, in the case brought by South Africa and supported by many other countries in January 2024, held that it is 'plausible' that Israel has committed acts of genocide in Gaza. The International Criminal Court now seeks to issue arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant on charges of war crimes and continuing crimes against humanity, along with Hamas leaders, over the October 7 attacks on Israel. Both acts are condemnable.

The Executive Committee of IndustriALL Global Union unreservedly condemns Israel's endless war against the Palestinian people, the continuing genocide in Gaza and the illegal occupation and ethnic cleansing of the West Bank. We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Israel has killed over 35,000 Palestinians, including over 14,000 children, over 77,000 have been wounded, and over 2.3 million - more than four fifths of Gaza's population - have been displaced. Hospitals, schools, universities, ambulances, medical and food aid convoys, water facilities, and roads, have all been deliberately targeted by the Israeli forces, decimating life in Gaza. Journalists and their families have been killed, threatened, censored, arrested and assaulted in Gaza and the West Bank to prevent information on Israeli crimes being broadcast.

Israel has continued the attack on Gaza and increased violence and ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians in the West Bank. The most recent Israeli attacks on Rafah, a supposed 'safe place' where an estimated 1.4 million Palestinians have taken refuge, are despicable, and a clear disregard of UN and ICJ directions and against international law.

As trade unions, we stand up for the right to self-determination of all peoples and states. Our movement is the largest civil society movement in the world and we cannot allow this crime against humanity to continue with our silence; it will be a stain on the history of our movement if we do.

We salute all people, including the young, standing up for peace and justice.

The Executive Committee of Industrial Global, therefore:

- 1) Calls for an immediate ceasefire and on all governments to immediately stop sponsoring Israel's war efforts;
- 2) Calls on all affiliates to support an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine, and to support the boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel, as called for by the people of Palestine;
- 3) Calls for the resumption of diplomatic negotiations to address the root causes of this humanitarian catastrophe that dates back over 75 years to achieve a just and lasting solution in the region, within the framework of a two-state solution, a goal that can only be achieved by peaceful means in consonance with UN resolutions.

In the spirit of the conclusions of the IndustriALL Executive Committee resolution of 28-29 November 2023, we reiterate that, as trade unions, we stand for peace, justice, freedom, equal rights, democracy, human dignity, and the sovereign equality of all peoples and states. The Executive Committee of IndustriALL Global Union calls on all our affiliates to stand up in support of an end to the war, of the rights and security of all people.

At the same time, we must stand up for freedom of assembly to guarantee that people can demonstrate peacefully. We must fend off polarization, which is fuelled by disinformation or ignorance, and we must stand up against religious intolerance, particularly forces of antisemitism, anti-Muslim bigotry, and all forms of hate speech, which can lead to a bigger conflagration.

Our solidarity is crucial at this time.

We must stand up for what is right, for humanity, justice and peace.
