

Statement of the Israeli affiliates of IndustriALL following the EC Resolution "We stand for peace and justice"

The Israeli affiliates of IndustriALL express the dismay and shock from the extreme biased anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic Resolution, which serves as a mouthpiece of the terror organization Hamas, that was adopted on May 24.

This Resolution not only does not promote peace, justice, freedom, equal rights, democracy, and human dignity, but also distorts these noble goals, legitimizes the evil, and perpetuates the dispute, polarization, hatred and, of course, falsehood.

The Resolution bluntly and deliberately omits and decontextualizes the war in Gaza, which erupted solely due to the premeditated attack by the terror organization of Hamas, who committed atrocities which included, inter alia, murder; decapitation of babies, elderly and Holocaust survivors; rape; burning alive families; and abduction, rape, torture, mutilation and butchery of Israeli women, children and whole families (crimes which Hamas committed to repeat "again and again").

The Resolution bluntly and egregiously ignores the war crime committed by Hamas, who is solely responsible for this conflict and stands in the way of a future where Israelis and Palestinians live side-by-side as neighbors.

The Resolution deliberately ignores the double war crime by Hamas of daily targeting Israeli civilians (launching daily missiles and mortars on them) and using Gazan civilians as human shields - a blatant violation of international law which must be unequivocally condemned - while continuing to siphon away humanitarian aid from those who need it most.

The Resolution also ignores the constant provision of humanitarian aid to Gaza by Israel, much of it stolen and used by Hamas, and maliciously blames Israel without challenging the clear crime which is committed by Hamas against its own people.

The Resolution distorts the ruling of the ICJ by writing in quotations the word "Plausible", while the ICJ clearly ruled that it is not genocide and, accordingly, did not instruct Israel to cease the war, recognizing that in Israel there is an independent and effective legal system in the concerned State, able to address any legal charges.

The Resolution outrageously and unacceptably ignores the Israeli unions and workers from the Gaza envelope, the victims of the atrocities of October 7, many of them displaced and suffering unbearable problems, or the displaced workers from the Northern part of Israel, an area which is daily exposed to dozens of missiles from Lebanon that the Resolution ignores as well!

Your biased policy illustrates a clear and intended lack of solidarity with the Israeli workers who are also members and leaders (and much greater numbers than the Palestinian counterparts) in the various GUFs and your deplorable call for boycott against Israel(!) sadly illustrates it!

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As trade unions, you "stand up for the right to self-determination of peoples and states". We strongly support this, but we express our sorrow that this is not valid to Israel and its right to self-defense. Although the Resolution endorses the relevant UN resolutions which clearly recognize the right of existence of the State of Israel, it maliciously and despicably challenges the right of existence and establishment of the State of Israel by stating that the "humanitarian catastrophe dates back over 75 years".

The Israeli affiliates of IndustriALL would like to remind that leaders throughout the world have rightly stated that there can be no role for Hamas and the other Palestinian terrorist groups in the future governance of Gaza, but if this resolution were ever to be taken seriously, that is precisely the result that would follow.

Accordingly, the Israeli affiliates of IndustriALL call on the IndustriALL Executive Committee to:

1. Call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas.
2. Hold the Hamas terror organization accountable for the atrocities it has committed against Israelis and Palestinians currently and prior to the war, in particular against trade unionists, women, minorities and the LGTBQ community.
3. Revoke this malicious Resolution (and its egregious recommendations) which whitewashes the crimes of the aggressor and condemns the side which is defending itself against the openly declared threat of further atrocities.
4. Consult with us as a stakeholder to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict prior to any Resolution or deed which relates to this realm.

This Resolution is a **moral stain** on the history of IndustriALL that must be removed, and only then we will be able to "stand up for what is right. For humanity, justice and peace"!

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