**Solidarity Statement** 

# We stand with the People of Palestine! We stand for Justice, Human Rights and Freedom!

**November 2, 2023** 

As movements fighting against systems of injustice that view black, brown and indigenous peoples as disposable, to be sacrificed by racist and colonial systems of exploitation and domination, we see the struggle of the Palestinian people against occupation and apartheid as part and parcel of our collective struggle for climate, racial, economic and political justice and for a world where everyone has the right to live with dignity, free from oppression.

We are enraged and grieve equally the loss of lives of all civilians - Palestinian and Israeli - that have taken place since 7 October and call for those responsible to be held accountable for their actions.

We decry the fact that for many Northern Governments, Palestinian lives are deemed as being of less value and worth as those of Israeli citizens. This has allowed tens of thousands of Palestinians being killed with impunity over the decades as a result of Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine. People whose names and dreams, like those of our peoples in the global South, sacrificed to colonialism.

In the latest indiscriminate bombing of Gaza, <u>Israel has already killed more than 5000 Palestinians including at least 2360 children</u>, displacing over 1 million people, as it collectively punishes the Palestinian people. In



just one week, between 7-12 October, Israel dropped over 6,000 bombs on the Palestinian people living under its illegal occupation, more than the US dropped in a whole year during its war on Afghanistan. Whilst Human Rights Watch has confirmed that Israel has used a banned chemical weapon - white phosphorous - in civilian areas in the Gaza Strip, causing severe burns and uncontrollable fires.

We are devastated by the <u>bombing of the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which killed 471</u> injured and sick Palestinians, including women, children, doctors, nurses, and those seeking refuge from the retaliatory bombardment by Israel. To date, the World Health Organisation has <u>documented 76 attacks on healthcare workers</u>, 26 healthcare facilities including 17 hospitals have been attacked, as well as attacks on <u>UN schools where Palestinians are sheltering for safety</u>.

The Occupied Palestinian Territory of Gaza is facing a "complete siege" with the purposeful targeting of civilian infrastructure such as hospitals and schools which constitute war crimes under international law. Israel is also blocking food, water, fuel and medicine to a captive population of 2.3 million Palestinians, half of whom are children, as a weapon of war. While in the Occupied Palestinian Territory of the West Bank, Israel has imposed a total blockade. The Israeli military is attacking Palestinians protesting the genocide in the Gaza Strip with lethal military force, and is providing thousands of weapons to Israeli settlers inside the West Bank, who are attacking and killing Palestinians. Israel has openly made genocidal statements that 'Gaza will be reduced to rubble' and called the Palestinians 'human animals'. As climate iustice movements we recognise the language of racism and colonialism that has been used to justify the sacrificing and killing of so many of our people across the global South.

The current war in Gaza is not an isolated event but is deeply rooted in ongoing colonization, The current war in Gaza is not an isolated event but is deeply rooted in ongoing colonization, illegal occupation, systemic injustices, and historical oppression of Palestine by an apartheid state. Israel has repeatedly disregarded the international humanitarian law and human rights principles that demand the protection of civilians, especially in conflict zones, as it escalated its genocidal attacks in Gaza.



illegal occupation, systemic injustices, and historical oppression of Palestine by an apartheid state. Israel has repeatedly disregarded the international humanitarian law and human rights principles that demand the protection of civilians, especially in conflict zones, as it escalated its genocidal attacks in Gaza.

SOLIDARITY STATEMENT 3

Israel is planning a ground offensive with intent to indiscriminately kill Palestinians in north Gaza; and aims to ethnically cleanse more Palestinians in a single day than during the Nakba (Arabic for 'catastrophe') in 1948, when over 750,000 Palestinians were expelled from their homes - or any day since in their ongoing settler-colonial occupation of Palestine. The vast majority of Palestinians in Gaza are refugees from the Nakba.

The situation has never been more urgent. In the words of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), "Gaza is running out of life". As vital resources run out and Gaza's health infrastructure—already battered by Israel's 16 year-long blockade and periodic bombardment—'collapse before our eyes', Gaza's remaining hospitals are turning into morgues.

We call for an immediate ceasefire, and for the international community to break the blockade and end the collective punishment of the Palestinian people. We must bring an end to apartheid and occupation.

We are appalled at the US and UK refusing to

support the resolutions at the United Nations Security Council calling for a ceasefire to allow humanitarian aid access to the Gaza Strip.

The complicity of powerful Western nations in enabling Israel to carry out these actions with impunity is a matter of grave concern. Despite the growing evidence of human rights violations, the provision of military and financial support to Israel from these nations continues unabated. The disregard for the lives of Palestinian people is inexcusable, and it is incumbent upon these nations to end their arming of Israel and prioritise human rights.

We also call out the role and bias of politicians and international media, led by northern media, fueling the islamophobic rhetoric and dehumanization of the Palestinian people as well as the role of international tech companies and platforms in allowing the <u>rise</u> of islamophobic and anti-semitic hate speech and fake news.

We condemn the attempt by Northern Governments - from Germany, France, to the UK, to attempt to criminalize and ban our movements from marching and calling for Justice for Palestine. The attacks on our right to protest mirror the attacks on climate protests that are taking place in countries that bear the greatest responsibility for these injustices.

We stand in immutable solidarity with the people of Gaza and all victims of brutality and demand upholding of international law and human rights principles to protect innocent civilians.

We also stand in solidarity with <u>Palestinians</u> and <u>Jews who are protesting Israel's</u> bombardment of <u>Gaza</u> and advocating for peace and justice in the region. We condemn actions taken by several governments around the world to stop these protests and the arrest of peaceful demonstrators.

There can be no peace without justice and it is a moral imperative for the global community to stand in unity with the oppressed. We call on all our governments and international bodies to work together to end the war, and to bring all those responsible for war crimes to justice. We demand an end to the occupation and genocide of the Palestinian people and urge for resolution that can ensure that both Palestinians and Israelis can live with security and dignity.

## **Our Demands**



In light of the ongoing violence and the appalling human rights violations in Gaza by the apartheid state of Israel, we call for the following urgent measures:

**IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE:** We echo the calls of the United Nations Secretary General and humanitarian and human rights organisations for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

**END THE ILLEGAL BLOCKADE:** Urgent humanitarian and emergency aid must be provided to civilians in Gaza. The people of Gaza are in dire need of medical supplies, food, water, and other essential resources, which need to be restored urgently.

**STOP WAR CRIMES:** Israel must be held accountable for its actions that breach international law, including attacks on hospitals, forced evacuations, and the illegal blockade on Gaza for decades.

**END IMPUNITY:** All those responsible for war crimes including the State of Israel must be held to account for their actions. All civilian hostages, including the thousands of Palestinian political prisoners held without charge or trial must be released. Western powers must stop their support for Israel, including ending arms sales to Israel particularly in the context of human rights violations and stop all support and funding to Israel immediately. Political alliances should not take precedence over human lives.

**END APARTHEID AND OCCUPATION:** We support the self-determination of the Palestinian people. We call on Israel to end its system of apartheid and for the right of return and compensation to Palestinian refugees. We call on the international community to finally uphold the UN resolutions for a safe, secure and viable State of Palestine alongside a State of Israel.

**STOP RACISM, ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ANTI-SEMITISM:** We stand in solidarity with our comrades in the Jewish and Muslim communities facing an increase in racist attacks. The struggle for climate justice is a struggle for racial justice.

# **SIGNATORIES**

### **REGIONAL/GLOBAL**

Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND)

Arab States CSOs & Feminist Network

Asia-Europe Peoples' Forum (AEPF)

Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development (APWLD)

Asia Pacific Network for Food Sovereignty (APNFS)

Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and

Development (APMDD)

Association for Promotion Sustainable

Development

Better Tomorrow Solar, Inc.

Centre for Environment, Human Rights &

Development Forum (CEHRDF)

Christian Aid

Climate Action Network Arab World

(CANAW)

Climate Action Network Southeast Asia

Comite O. Romero - Sicsal Chile

Commission for Filipino Migrant

Organizations in Europe

**Equal Right** 

Fight Inequality Alliance (FIA)

Friends of the Earth Asia Pacific

Focus on the Global South

Fridays For Future (MAPA)

**Gender Action** 

Global Ecovillage Network

Global Forest Coalition (GFC)

Global Interfaith Network

Global Law Thinkers Society (GLTS)

Habitat International Coalition (HIC)

Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN)

Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)

Integrated Policy Research Institute

La Verità Onlus International Diplomacy (V.O.I.D)

LDC Watch

Masimanyane Women's Rights International

MENA Fem Movement for Economic,

**Development and Ecological Justice** 

Migrant Workers Voice

Millennia2025 Women and Innovation

Foundation

Networked Intelligence for Development (NID)

NGO Forum on ADB

Oil Change International (OCI)

OilWatch Africa

Pacific Islands Climate Action Network

Passionists International

Platform for Filipino Migrant Organizations in

Europe

Politics 4Her

Regional Advocacy For Women's Sustainable

Advancement(RAWSA) Alliance for African &

**Arab States** 

Reseau TANMO

Rivers without Boundaries Coalition

Society for International Development (SID)

South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication

(SAAPE) Southern Africa People's Solidarity Network Surge Africa Organisation Sustainable Sarah Sustainably Wise The Sunrise Project Third World Network (TWN) Transnational Migrant Platform Europe (TMP-E) **VIVAT International** Water Justice and Gender

Women & Gender Constituency MENA

World Friends for Africa Burkina Faso Yes to Life, No to Mining (YLNM)

### **COUNTRIES**

WoMin African Alliance

### **AOTEAROA / NEW ZEALAND**

Aotearoa Maori Auckland Peace Action Climate Club New Zealand Climate Justice Taranaki Environmental Justice Ōtepoti Generation Zero Rise Up for Climate Justice Aotearoa The Crooked Spoke

### **ARGENTINA**

FUNAM (Environmental Defense Foundation) Periodistas por el Planeta

### **AUSTRALIA**

UN Association of Australia Queensland Branch

### **BANGLADESH**

Bangladesh Adivasi Samity Bangladesh Bacolight Shramik Federation Bangladesh Bhasaman Nari Shramik Bangladesh Bhasaman Shramik Union Bangladesh Chattra Sabha



Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) Bangladesh Jatyo Shramik Federation Bangladesh Krishok Federation Bangladesh Kishani Sabha Bangladesh Krishok Sabha Bangladesh Bhumiheen Samity Bangladesh Rural Intellectuals' Front Bangladesh Sangjukto Shramik Federation Bangladesh Shramik Federation Charbangla Bittoheen Samobay Samity **COAST Foundation** Emarat Nirman Shramik Bangladesh Equity and Justice Working Group, Bangladesh [EquityBD] Ganochhaya Sanskritic Kendra Jago, Bangladesh. Garment Workers'

Federation **KOTHOWAIN** (Vulnerable Peoples **Development Organization)** La Verita Onlus Bangladesh chapter (V.O.I.D.) Motherland Garment Workers' Federation Pittacchara Forest and Biodiversity Initiatives Progressive Peasants' Council Ready Made Garment Workers' Federation

7

UBINIG (Policy Research for Development Alternative)

Voices for Interactive Choice and Empowerment (VOICE) Waterkeepers Bangladesh Youthnet For Climate Justice - Youthnet Global

### **BELGIUM**

Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM Belgium)

### **BOLIVIA**

Plataforma Boliviana Frente al Cambio Climático Ramonas Reacción Climática

### **BRAZIL**

FASE

Fórum da Amazônia Oriental (FAOR) Frente Ampla Democrática Socioambiental (FADS)

Gestos

SUSTENTAR Interdisciplinary Institute for Studies and Research on Sustainability

### **CANADA**

Vision GRAM-International

### CHII F

Alianza Basura Cero Chile
Antu Kai Mawen, Música tierra
Colectivo VientoSur
Comité dd.hh. y Ecológicos de Quilpué
Coordinadora Nacional de Inmigrantes de Chile
Fundación El Arbol
Movimiento por el Agua y los Territorios (MAT)
Observatorio del maltrato a personas
mayores. Quilpué
Red de Acción por los Derechos
Ambientales (RADA)

### **COLOMBIA**

Censat Agua Viva Habitat Bambú Plataforma Colombiana de Niñez y Juventud Vamos Por los Derechos

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

Ekumenická akademie (Ecumenical Academy)

### **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

Organisation Paysanne Pour le Développement Durable

### **ECUADOR**

Acción Ecológica

### **EGYPT**

Colectivo de Geografía Crítica del Ecuador New Woman Foundation

### **EL SALVADOR**

CESTA Friends of the Earth El Salvador

### FIJI

Diverse voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality Fiji Youth SRHR Alliance SISI Initiative Site Support Group

### **FRENCH POLYNESIA**

SOS Moorea

### **GERMANY**

Kolumbienkampagne Berlin #LifeNotCoal - #LebenStattKohle

### **GUATEMALA**

Asociación Ceiba

### GUINEA

Réseau des femmes pour l'environnement et le développement durable

### **GUYANA**

Justice Institute Guyana, Inc. The Greenheart Movement

### **HONDURAS**

Ecore Honduras Foro Indigena

### **INDIA**

All India Women Hawkers Federation (AIWHF)
Bharat Jan Vigyan Jatha (BJVJ)
Environics Trust
Himalaya Niti Abhiyan
Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF)
Kamgar Ekata Union
Mines, minerals and People (mmP)
National Alliance of Agriculture & Allied
Workers Union (NAAWU)
National Hawker Federation (NHF)
People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL)

### **INDONESIA**

Aksi Ekologi and Emansipasi Rakyat AEER (Ecological Action and People's
Emancipation)
Gema Alam NTB
Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ)
National Network for Domestic Workers
Advocacy (Jala PRT)
WALHI (Friends of the Earth Indonesia)
Women Working Group (WWG)

### IRAQ

Darya Developing Women and Community

### **IRELAND**

Ecojustice Ireland
Financial Justice Ireland
Friends of the Earth Ireland

### **IVORY COAST**

Syndicat des Enseignants de l'Education Nationale, de l'Enseignement Technique et Professionnel (SYENET)

### **JAMAICA**

Imani, Hope & Love Foundation

### **JAPAN**

Friends of the Earth Japan UNISC International

### **JORDAN**

Dibeen for Environmental Development

### **KENYA**

Daughters of Mumbi Global Resource Center Hope for Kenya Slum Adolescents Initiative

### **MALAYSIA**

Centre for Independent Journalism Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY) Monitoring Sustainability of Globalization (MSN) Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) - Friends of the

### **LEBANON**

Learn Sustain

### MALI

Association for the Promotion of Young Girls and Women (AMPJF)

### **MEXICO**

Alianza Mexicana Contra el Fracking Asociación Ecológica Santo Tomás CartoCrítica Conexiones Climáticas Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia Freshwater Action Network Mexico

### **MONGOLIA**

Oyu Tolgoi Watch

### **MYANMAR**

Karen Environmental Social Action Network (KESAN) Karen Rivers Watch (KRW), Myanmar Save the Salween Network (SSN), Myanmar

### **NEPAL**

All Nepal Peasants Federation (ANPFa)
All Nepal Women Association (ANWA)
Beyond Beijing Committee Nepal
Center for Good Governance and Peace
(CGGAP)
Defenders of Nature
Digo Bikas Institute (DBI)
Fight Inequality Alliance Nepal (FIA) Nepal

SOLIDARITY STATEMENT 9

Forum for Community Upliftment System Nepal (FOCUS-Nepal)

General Federation of Nepalese Trade

Unions (GEFONT) Jagaran, Nepal

National Alliance for Human Rights and Social Justice (Human Rights Alliance

Nepal)

National Campaign for Sustainable

**Development Nepal** 

Nepal Integrated Development Initiation (NIDI)

Rural Reconstruction Nepal

Tax and Fiscal Justice Alliance (TAFJA

Nepal)

**WOREC Nepal** 

### **NIGER**

Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'Environnement (ANSEN)

### **NIGERIA**

Green Leaf Advocacy and Empowerment

Peace Point Development Foundation (PPDF)

### **PAKISTAN**

Akhuwat Kissan

ALC Law

Anjuman e Muzareen e Punjab

**ASR Resource Center** 

Beaconhouse National Uni

Cholistan Development Council

Clean and Green Khai

Climate Activists Collective

Community Developers Association (CDA)

Community Initiatives for Development

Pakistan (CIDP)

Crofter Foundation

Feminist Collective Pakistan

Gilgit-Baltistan Social Welfare

Organization

Hagoog e Khalg Movement

Home Net Pakistan

Indus Consortium for Humanitarian,

**Environment and Development Initiative** 

Kissan Ikkat

Kissan Karkeela

Kissan Ravi Club

Labour Education Foundation

Labour Qomi Movement

Lok Sujag

PakAid

Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee (PKRC)

Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF)

Pakistan Institute of Labour Education

and Research (PILER)

Policy Research Institute for Equitable

**Development (PRIED)** 

Progressive Student's Collective

Sanda

Sawera Foundation

Sindh Hari Porchat Council

South Asia Partnership Pakistan

Sukaar Welfare Organization

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)

Tameer e Nau Women's Worker

Organization

Textile Powerloom Garments Workers

Federation

Vision Building Future

Visionary Forum

Young Reformers

### **PERU**

Colectiva de Geografía Crítica

Contingente Perú

Movimiento Ciudadano frente al Cambio

Climático

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

TierrActiva Peru

### **PHILIPPINES**

350 Pilipinas

Aniban ng Manggagawa sa Agrikultura (AMA)

Bantay Kita

Break- free Pilipinas, Break - free from

Fossil Gas - Philippine Campaign

Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino

(BMP-Workers Solidarity)

Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA)

Computer Professionals' Union

Ecological Justice Interfaith Movement (ECOJIM)

**ETC Group Philippines** 

Fellowship for the Care of Creation

Association, Inc. (FCCAI)

Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC)

Gitib, Inc.

Katribu Kalipunan ng Katutubong

Mamamayan ng Pilipinas

Kongreso ng Pagkakaisa ng Maralita ng

Lungsod (KPML)

Oriang Women's Movement

Partido Lakas ng Masa (PLM)

Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ)

**SANLAKAS** 

**SAVE Philippines** 

Samahan ng Progresibong Kabataan

(SPARK)

Solidarity for People's Education and

Lifelong Learning (SPELL)

Task Force Detainees of the Philippines

Youth for Climate Justice –Mindanao
Youth for Climate Justice –Tacloban

### **PORTUGAL**

Associação Academia Cidadã

### **SCOTLAND**

**Unite Community** 

### **SENEGAL**

RECODEF Sénégal

### **SIERRA LEONE**

Sierra Leone School Green Club (SLSGC)

### **SOMALIA**

Kalkal Human Rights Development Organization (KAHRDO)

### **SOUTH KOREA**

Korea Federation for Environmental

Movement -KFEM (Friends of the Earth Korea)

### **SPAIN**

Ecologistas en Acción Observatori del Deute en la Globalització

(ODG)

### **SOUTH AFRICA**

Biowatch South Africa

Centre for Social Change (University of

Johannesburg)

groundWork, Friends of the Earth, South

Africa

### **SOUTH SUDAN**

OlLWatch South Sudan

### **SRI LANKA**

Lanka Fundamental Rights Organization We Women Lanka Network

### SUDAN

National Sudanese Women Association

### **TAJIKISTAN**

Zan va Zamin (Women and Earth)

### **TANZANIA**

Greener Tanzania Livelihood

Organization (GTLO)

Integrating Capacity and Community

Advancement Organization (ICCAO)

### **THE GAMBIA**

Extinction Rebellion Gambia

### THE NETHERLANDS

Gender Justice & Sustainable

**Development Consultancy** 

### **TIMOR LESTE**

Dialektika Timor-Leste

### **TUNISIA**

Association pour la Protection de

l'Environnement et le Développement Durable de Bizerte (APEDDUB)

### **UGANDA**

Disability Peoples Forum Uganda Innovations for Development (I4DEV) Paradigm for social justice and development

### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Bretton Woods Project
Center for Alternative Technology
Climate Justice Coalition
Climate Live / Stop Rosebank
Ecoforensic
Global Justice Now (GJN)
Greener Jobs Alliance

Nerve Magazine Seaford Environmental Alliance Unite Wirral NW/96

War on Want

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF-UK)

### **USA**

**CODEPINK** 

Corporate Accountability

Earth Ethics, Inc.

Earth Justice Ministries

Faithfully Sustainable

Fossil Free Media

Jewish Voice for Peace

Justice is Global

Social Eco Education (SEE)

The California Allegory

The Oakland Institute

### **UZBEKISTAN**

Ecoforum of NGOs of Uzbekistan Ассоциация "За экологически чистую Фергану"(Association for an Environmentally Friendly Fergana) Ziyo Nur

### **VENEZUELA**

Fundacion Aguaclara Venezuelan Political Ecology Observatory

### **YEMEN**

Center of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

### ZAMBIA

Zambia Climate Action Network Foundation

### **ZIMBABWE**

Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD)

### **INDIVIDUALS**

### **Tian Chua**

Former Member of Parliament, Malaysia

### Atty. Corazón Valdez - Fabros

Co-President, International Peace Bureau (IPB)

### **Alexandra Arntsen**

Lecturer, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom

### Prof. Naser Abdelkarim

Arab American University, Palestine

### Yasmine Ibrahim

The American University in Cairo, Egypt

### Gert Van Hecken

Asso. professor, University of Antwerp, Belgium

### Ray Bush

Professor Emeritus, University of Leeds, United Kingdom

### Helen Saldanha

Social Work, India

### **Lisa Marie Smith**

Retired Nurse, England

### **Amal Ibrahim Sabri**

Retired Egyptian Environment & Development Consultant & Researcher, Egypt

### **Sohair Sabry**

Retired Translator and Writer, Egypt

### **Cristina Santacruz**

MA Student, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador

### Eleonoora Karttunen

Doctoral Researcher, University of Finland, Finland

### **Erich Vogt**

Lecturer, University of Toronto, Canada

### **Lukas Slothuus**

Post Doctoral Researcher, University of Sussex, United Kingdom

### Mahar Safdar Ali

Social Activist, Association of People of Asia, Pakistan

### Lama Dajani

Artist, Damascus, Syria

### Luca Ferrari

Researcher, Mexico

### **Megan Fraser**

Future Led, Vancouver, Canada

Lora Barry, Canada

### Aleida Azamar Alonso

Researcher, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México

Mark Vossler, USA

# You may sign on by clicking this link:

https://forms.gle/GyEHSLVLJQB9PKPS7

