Proposed Emergency motion: RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Labour International ('LI') notes

a) That the UN supports a sovereign, unified and economically viable State of Palestine, living side by side, in peace and security with Israel, a position supported by the UK, EU, AU, ASEAN and a large majority of nation states including Russia, China and India.[1]

b) That The UK Foreign Secretary on 9 June 2026 stated that "Since October, over 900 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed. 1.9 million Palestinians remain displaced and dependent on humanitarian aid … aid is down this year … 90% of water and sanitation infrastructure destroyed … a public health crisis with rodent infestations and communicable disease … the Netanyahu government … must recognise its urgent humanitarian responsibility to open crossings and to end the arbitrary restrictions, so the UN, UNRWA, and international NGOs can fulfil their life-saving mandates."[2]

c) On 8 September 2026 the UK Foreign Secretary told Parliament that "The British government agrees that there is ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in areas of the West Bank - perpetrated by settler terrorists" and spoke of "the most unimaginable trauma and suffering in the last three years - death, destruction and dehumanisation on an appalling scale" in Gaza.[3]

d) That "Israeli authorities and security forces have deliberately targeted Palestinian children, resulting in genocide and atrocity crimes in the Gaza Strip and war crimes in the West Bank" and “Even after the October 2025 ceasefire, children continue to be killed and seriously injured, with continued disregard by Israel for the ceasefire and for the protection owed to Palestinian children under international law"[4]

e) That "As of March 2026, some 9,446 Palestinians are held in Israeli prisons; 4,691 of them are under administrative detention, imprisoned without charge, trial, or the ability to defend themselves."[5]

f) That "Since 2020 Israeli soldiers and settlers have killed at least 1,100 Palestinian civilians in the occupied West Bank, at least a quarter of whom were children, UN data shows. No one has been charged over any of these deaths."[6]

g) That the leaders of the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium and the EU made a joint statement on the situation in the West Bank on 22 May 2026 which said that "the situation in the West Bank has deteriorated significantly. Settler violence is at unprecedented levels" and that "International law is clear: Israeli settlements in the West Bank are illegal."[7]

h) That the EU statement to the UN Human Rights Council on 15 June 2026 states "The EU ... strongly condemns Israel’s unilateral actions aiming to expand its presence in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, which the International Court of Justice’s advisory

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[1] https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165835

[2] https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretary-statement-on-the-middle-east-9-june-2026

[3] https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/foreign-secretary-oral-statement-on-israel-palestine

[4] https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/06/1167790

[5] https://www.facebook.com/btselem/posts/as-of-march-2026-some-9446-palestinians-are-held-in-israeli-prisons-4691-of-them/1399433858894348/

[6] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/mar/25/no-israel-prosecutions-for-killing-palestinian-civilians-in-occupied-west-bank-since-start-of-decade

[7] https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-the-leaders-of-the-e4-canada-australia-new-zealand-on-the-situation-in-the-west-bank

opinion of 19 July 2024 declared to be unlawful. The EU calls on Israel to reverse the E1 settlement plan." [8]

i) That the EU and its Member States jointly stated on 22 May 2026 that "Over the past few months, the situation in the West Bank has deteriorated significantly. Settler violence is at unprecedented levels. The policies and practices of the Israeli government … are undermining stability and prospects for a two-state solution."[9]

j) That former UK ambassadors and high commissioners wrote in a 7 April 2026 letter that "Israel proceeds with its systematic West Bank annexation. The German chancellor, Friedrich Merz, recently condemned “annexation moves”, including the illegal E1 settlement project designed to divide the West Bank in two and destroy Palestine’s viability" and that "Criticism … does not deter this Israeli government, which has over decades grown used to rhetorical condemnation without consequences."[10]

k) That even in 2025 "perceptions of Tehran as the main agent of regional instability have shifted in the Middle East and beyond during the past 22 months. A growing number of experts and organizations say Israel is committing more and more war crimes in Gaza, including genocide, and launching an unprecedented series of military campaigns."[11]

l) That the letter of former British diplomats and international civil servants calls for a multi-lateral peace process including "the right to statehood of the two peoples, Palestinians and Israelis"[12].

m) That calls for suspension of the EU - Israel Association Agreement have been made by over 350 former European Ministers, Ambassadors and Senior Officials; by over 90 human rights and humanitarian organisations; and in an EU Citizens Initiative signed by over 1.2 million citizens[13].

n) That the leaders of the UK, France and Canada stated in a Joint Statement of 19 May 2025 that "The level of human suffering in Gaza is intolerable" and "Israel suffered a heinous attack on October 7. We have always supported Israel’s right to defend Israelis against terrorism. But this escalation is wholly disproportionate."[14]

o) That the motion adopted by Labour Party conference in 2025 urged the Government to "employ all means reasonably available to it to prevent the commission of a genocide in Gaza" and to "Fully suspend the arms trade with Israel and the UK-Israel trade and partnership agreement."[15]

p) That the UN General Assembly has called on Israel to make "reparation for the damage caused to all the natural and legal persons concerned in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" and that UN experts call for a reparative, rights-based approach to reconstruction in Gaza.[16]

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[8] https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/un-geneva/hrc62-eu-statement-interactive-dialogue-coi-occupied-palestinian-territory-including-east-jerusalem_en

[9] https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/joint-statement-situation-west-bank_en

[10] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2026/apr/07/britain-must-lead-efforts-to-stop-israel-annexation-of-the-west-bank

[11] https://www.clingendael.org/publication/israel-and-iran-major-threats-middle-east-stability

[12] https://una.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/una-uk_letter_to_pm_on_palestine_july_23_2025.pdf

[13] https://www.bilaterals.org/about-350-ex-ministers-diplomats ; https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/index_en ; https://www.cidse.org/2026/04/16/open-letter-60-organisations-demand-suspension-of-eu-israel-association-agreement/

[14] https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-from-the-leaders-of-the-united-kingdom-france-and-canada-on-the-situation-in-gaza-and-the-west-bank

[15] https://www.left-horizons.com/2025/09/29/motion-on-gaza-genocide-passed-at-labour-conference/

[16] https://docs.un.org/en/A/ES-10/L.31/Rev.1 ; https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2026/03/un-experts-condemn-board-peace-call-reparative-rights-based-approach

q) The international campaign to free Marwan Barghouti[17] and the Amnesty International campaign to free Dr Hussam Safiya[18].

LI strongly welcomes the "Joint Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Two-State Solution" of 8 September 2026 in which the UK, France, Spain, Canada and 8 other countries confirmed their intention to "introduce national and/or ... European restrictions on trade in goods" with illegal settlements in Palestine, and to "take action in pursuit of a just and lasting peace". Their renewed commitment to the two-state solution and opposition to the "annexation of Palestinian land and forcible displacement of the Palestinian population" is a positive step forward. [19]

LI applauds Andy Burnham, Ed Miliband and the Labour Government for the actions announced by the British Government and for its role in the 12-nation statement and looks forward to its implementation.

LI calls for

A. A real cease fire in Gaza in more than name.

B. All necessary humanitarian aid to be allowed into Gaza without delay.

C. All those held in Israeli prisons without charge or trial to be released or charged and brought to trial, with priority given to minors and medical staff.

D. Israeli authorities to stop the violence by 'settlers' against Palestinians in the West Bank.

E. Israeli authorities to end the building of illegal settlements in the occupied territory of the West Bank.

F. Israel to pay reparations for the destruction in the occupied Palestinian territories of housing, hospitals and schools; water, energy and transport infrastructure; agricultural, cultural, historical and environmental assets; and to fund their reconstruction or restoration.

G. A reconstruction of Gaza led by Palestinians, by organisations agreed with Palestinians, funded by Israel and the international community.

H. Rebuilding unified, democratic and transparent self-governance and administration, and independent civil society, across the whole of Palestinian territory.

I. A renewed international effort to create a viable two-state solution, including insistence on the immediate release of Palestinian leader Marwan Barghouti.

LI calls on the UK Government, the EU and all signatories of the 12-nation statement of 8 September 2026 to work to achieve the calls above, including by adopting the following measures:

1) End all arms sales to Israel until the Israeli authorities can demonstrate that they have genuinely abandoned collective punishment and disproportionate violence in response to resistance to illegal occupation.

2) Ban transit for any vessels or aircraft transporting military equipment and munitions to Israel.

3) Suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement and UK-Israel trade and partnership agreement until such time as Israel ceases to violate the agreements' human rights provisions.

4) Enforce a robust ban on the import of goods and services from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and stop access to public

[17] https://freemarwan.org/ ; https://theelders.org/news/elders-call-marwan-barghouti-s-release-spur-moves-two-state-solution

[18] https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/release-dr-hussam-abu-safiya/

[19] https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-foreign-ministers-statement-on-the-two-state-solution

procurement and investment in settlement-linked companies in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions, the longstanding EU positions on the illegality of those settlements and the 12-nation statement of 8 September 2026.

5) Support international and national judicial mechanisms - including the International Criminal Court and domestic courts under universal jurisdiction - to bring perpetrators to justice.
6) Take action to initiate and boost multi-lateral processes to achieve a two-state solution, including seeking the immediate release of Marwan Barghouti and the release or trial of all those held without charge or trial by Israel.
7) Actively support the building of a democratic Palestinian state, with strong and effective governance, living side by side and in peace with Israel, investing in trauma healing, community and peace-building initiatives and social cohesion.

LI resolves to

- Adopt this resolution and promote the resolution to other CLPs.
- Publish this resolution on social media.

Proposed NL Amendments:

The Netherlands Branch proposes the following amendment to the proposed Emergency Motion titled **RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AND PALESTINE** if it is accepted as an emergency motion by the Chair:
to strike the words in the final paragraph from "LI resolves" up and including "social media" and replace them with "make the above text available on its website and to other CLPs as a briefing document."

Netherlands Branch delegates:
Proposing: Sue Blackwell
Seconding: Frank Little or Ruth Brewerton (depending on availability)

Reasoning:
The motion is a summing up of the many issues which have arisen over the past years regarding actions of the Government of the State of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in other countries in the region. In nature and length, we believe the motion is more suited as a briefing and background paper and might be of use to other CLPs in determining their strategy regarding actions of the government in the UK and the position of the Labour Party. If the motion were passed at General Committee it would automatically become standing policy of the CLP.