



### **Statement on the outcome of the common Solidarity Mission to Palestine**

The World Federation of Democratic Youth and the World Peace Council carried out a solidarity mission to Palestine from September 18-22, with the participation of 20 delegates coming from the member Organisations of WFDY and WPC from 14 countries. The International mission which took place upon invitation of the Palestinian Committee for Peace and Solidarity (PCPS), met with representatives of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), the Organisation for the Liberation of Palestine (PLO), the Palestinian Legislative Council (Parliament), the political parties (FATAH, PPP, PFLP, DFLP), youth Organisations and movements. The two international Organisations met also with representatives of the Peace Movement in Israel as well as with the Communist Party of Israel and the Front for Peace and Equality (Hadash) of the Knesset.

Following the very successful Solidarity Mission to Palestine, the World Peace Council and the World Federation of Democratic Youth reaffirm their commitment, side by side with the hundreds of millions of peace loving people in the world, to the Youth and Students in all corners of the world, stand in total and unconditional solidarity with the people of Palestine which is suffering a slow genocide under the occupation of its territories.

The case of the ongoing occupation of Palestine by the Israeli regime constitutes a crime against humanity and a flagrant provocation against the thousands who suffered and struggled heroically for the noble goal of freedom and justice.

In this visit we witnessed and met: the consequences of the Wall that is tearing the West Bank apart; the growth of settlements that try to annihilate the viability of the Palestinian state; the suffering of the thousands of Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails and their families; the destruction of the Palestinian olive trees that are the main source of income of Palestine and, in some cases, natural patrimony of hundreds of years; the dramatic situation of hundreds of thousands of refugees in their own country that share the suffering with millions of Palestinians living abroad and prevented to return due to the brutal Israeli occupation and control of borders; the dozens of Israeli military check points in the West Bank and Jerusalem; the discrimination of Arab Israelis in all spheres of life and the demolition of their houses; the efforts of the Israeli government which aims in the Judaization of the Israeli state.

Despite the many concessions made from Palestinian side during the years in order to find a viable and just solution, the governments of Israel and the current one, refuse to accept the right of the Palestinian People for their independent State alongside Israel.

We express our sincere and full-hearted solidarity with the Palestinian men and women, the youth and the students in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem in their desire to end the humiliation, the discrimination and the occupation. We express also our solidarity with the peace-loving forces inside Israel who are struggling side by side with the Palestinians for peace, justice, equality and the end of occupation of the Palestinian territories.

We condemn the support imperialism, first of all the USA, is giving throughout the years to the Israeli occupation of Palestine and the policy of complicity of the E.U. which is pretending to keep "equal distance" from the aggressors and the victims, but in reality supports the aggressors.

The hand of imperialism was once again visible this year when, despite the reason and the massive support of countries throughout the whole world, the USA and its allies from the EU have blocked the UN resolution that would recognize the independent State of Palestine within the borders of 4th June 1967 and with East Jerusalem as its capital. This fact shows also their imperialist attitude to the will and decision of the General Assembly of the UN, which by majority supports the resolution on Palestine. We keep on supporting and demanding the recognition and affiliation of Palestine as a full member to the United Nations.

By standing by the side of the Israeli aggressor and occupier, these actors of the imperialist world order have revealed their true nature as they tolerate the arbitrary massacres, displacements, tortures and imprisonments of Palestinian youth and people and their continuation.

With this act they have proved yet again that when they were calling for and executing military interventions in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya the imperialists only wanted to implement their imperialist plans, particularly the plan for a "New Middle East" with policies of bombing and pillage and not even for one second defend anyone's human rights as they had hypocritically alleged.

In this critical moment, the WPC and WFDY underline their full support to the continuation of the Palestinian youth and people's struggle, certain that the path of the popular resistance against the occupation and oppression may be long but it will for sure take us to final victory, the establishment of the independent State of Palestine, within the borders of June 1967 and with East Jerusalem as its capital!

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