

**Urgent Appeal to All Diplomatic Missions at the United Nations Offices**  
**Geneva & New York**

*Subject: A Stand against Anti-Semitism Requires Standing against Illegal Occupation*

24 September 2018

**Your Excellency,**

In light of the upcoming campaign against anti-Semitism which is initiated by the Israeli delegation to the United Nations during the 73<sup>rd</sup> UN General Assembly meeting, the signatory human rights organizations call on your Excellency to reject the ongoing illegal occupation of the Palestinian Territories, which is in and of itself a form of anti-Semitism and racism.

Palestinians have paid an incredibly heavy price due to Israel's ongoing occupation and racist policies instilled against them solely for being Palestinians. Moreover, whoever defending the human rights of Palestinians is consistently labeled by Israel as an anti-Semite, including those of Jewish heritage. Despite all resolutions taken by the UN bodies over the past 70 years regarding the Palestinians rights; Israel continues to expand its illegal settlements and to besiege the Gaza Strip. It deals with Palestinians living under its jurisdiction as third-class citizens, which has been crystallized in the recent Israeli "Jewish nation-state" law providing that Israel is the national homeland for the Jewish people. This turns Israel gradually into an apartheid state.

**We believe that anti-Semitism should never be accepted in any form. It should neither be acceptable against Jews, nor in the same way should it ever be practiced against Palestinians.**

Refusing these racist practices and the illegal decades-long occupation by Israel should be viewed as an integral part of the "#No2AntiSemitism" campaign. Thus, we call on your Excellency to include in your speech at this session of the General Assembly the emphasis on

refusing the ongoing Israeli occupation of Palestine. We also call on you to join our campaign and post on social media a strong message refusing the occupation as well as Anti-Semitism quoting the below hashtags from 25 to 28 September 2018.

**#No2AntiSemitism\_No2IsraeliOccupation**

**#No2AntiSemitism #No2IsraeliOccupation**

Yours Sincerely,

- International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (EAFORD)
- Geneva International Centre for Justice (GICJ)
- Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor
- International-Lawyers.Org,
- International Educational Development, Inc.
- International Humanitarian Lawyers
- Jewish Voice for Peace - Atlanta
- International Jurists Union - IJU
- Yemeni Organization for Socioeconomic Development
- The Brussels Tribunal
- Salam International Organizations for The Protection of Human Rights
- Arab Lawyers Association-UK
- Tamkeen Organization
- Association of Humanitarian Lawyers (AHL)
- The Iraqi Centre for Human Rights
- General Federation of Iraqi Women (GFIW)
- Human Rights Defenders (HRD)
- Yemeni Coalition to Monitor Human Rights Violations
- Wethaq Civic Foundation
- Al Nass Human Rights Center
- United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation
- Union of Arab Jurists (UAJ)
- El shehab For human rights
- Syrian Network for Human Rights
- AFD International
- SAM for Rights & Liberties

- International Humanitarian Law Centre
- Free Voice
- Human Rights Solidarity, Geneva Switzerland
- Justice for Human Rights
- International Alliance for Human Rights & Development
- Association of Victims of Torture in Tunisia, Geneva - A.V.T.T
- Association Swiss Palestine (ASP)
- Iraqi War-crimes Documentation Center
- Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture
- International Solidarity with Prisoners TADAMON
- Libyan organization for transitional Justice
- PALESTINE PEN
- Tribunal-Iraque (Portugal)
- WILPF PALESTINE
- Iraq Solidarity Association, Sweden
- Palestine centre of Pen International (World Association of Writers)
- Palestine section of WILPF (Womens' International League for Peace and Freedom)
- Tadamun; Iraqi women Solidarity
- The Mother's Legacy Project
- Viva Palestina Malaysia
- Muslim Professionals Forum (Malaysia)
- BDS Malaysia
- Plataforma juvenil para el poder popular
- Le Pont
- Comité nacional de defensores de ddhh de Colombia
- Asociación contra el lawfare
- Plataforma colombo suiza por la paz en Colombia