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In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, Most Merciful.

ASWJ Australia stands in unity with Palestinians, like all people who possess the inherent right, to defend themselves against occupying forces.

ASWJ strongly condemns the ongoing apartheid, aggression and genocide of the Palestinian people by the Israeli government and the might of its military forces. Israel has for many years, locked the entire Palestinian nation into smaller and smaller ghettos, forcing them to live below the poverty line. The Palestinians are surrounded by Israeli erected and militarily enforced, concrete and steel, barb wired walls and no-go zones. For decades, the Israeli military have fully controlled and enslaved an entire people of Christian and Muslim faith, indigenous Palestinians within occupied territories¹, and constricted and stopped the inflow of essential human needs (water, electricity, fuel, food and medicines).

We write to express our unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle against the ongoing injustices and to unequivocally condemn the violence and oppression they endure by Israeli Occupational forces.

We defend the rights of the Palestinian people to defend themselves and use any means available². The Israeli occupation is responsible for 6,407 deaths and 152,560 injuries to Palestinians, as compared to Israeli deaths of 308 and 6,307 injuries (2008 through to 2023³). The world witnessed the Israel military begin their 2008⁴ assault using internationally banned weaponry, such as phosphorus gas, and in 2014, another civilian onslaught spanning 50 days. 2,100 Palestinians, of which were 500 infants and children, were slaughtered by Israeli occupying forces, resulting in the displacement of a half a million oppressed and indigenous Palestinians.

We urgently call for an immediate cessation of violence and the safeguarding of 2.3 million innocent Palestinian civilians trapped and confined in Gaza by the Israeli Occupational forces. By declaring war with the Palestinian people, Israel has given itself the permission to execute war crimes as it commits genocide against an occupied population that is forced into open air prisons, refugee camps and “ the world’s largest concentration camp, Gaza!⁵ ”.

¹ Gaza & The West Bank

² 3/12/1982. United Nations General Assembly, resolution 37/43 clarified the lawful entitlement of occupied people to resist occupying forces by any and all lawful means. The resolution reaffirmed “the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples for independence, territorial integrity, national unity and liberation from colonial and foreign domination and foreign occupation by all available means, including armed struggle”.

³ Ref: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Data on casualties from 2008 until 2023.

⁴ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/9/whats-the-israel-palestine-conflict-about-a-simple-guide>

⁵ Ref: Norman Finklestein, American Political Scientist and Activist.



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The situation in Palestine has long been a matter of global concern, invoking the principles of justice, human rights, and international law. For over 75 years, Palestinians have confronted displacement, occupation, apartheid, violations of the sanctity of Christian and Muslim places of worship and structural discrimination, resulting in immense suffering and adversity.

We must not be silent in the presence of such profound injustices. Our unwavering commitment to the essential principles of equality, dignity and the right to self-determination for all, drives our resolute support for Palestinians in their pursuit of these fundamental human rights and their yearning for a just and lasting peace. It is our shared obligation to actively strive for a future in which Palestinians can lead lives marked by peace, prosperity, and freedom from persecution."

In the lead up to "Aboriginal's Voice to Parliament" referendum, we are reminded of the historic displacement and persecution of indigenous Aboriginals. We pledge to raise awareness about the indigenous Palestinians' cause, lend our support to humanitarian initiatives and foster empathy and understanding for their plight. Let us work to advance the causes of peace, justice, and human rights for all Palestinians.

We extend an open invitation to all fair-minded Australians to look beyond international politics with threats of (claimed) antisemitism in mainstream media, writing and showing daily scripted Israeli government publications and videos, to join us in taking a stand against injustice and supporting Palestinian people in their endeavours.

We remind all Muslims to remember your brothers and sisters in your duas and may Allah the Almighty grant the Muslims ease from the trials and hardships of the oppressors, Amin.

As narrated by the Prophet⁶, Allah tells us:

"O My servants! I have forbidden oppression for Myself, and I have made it forbidden amongst you, so do not oppress one another."

عَنْ أَبِي ذَرٍّ الْغِفَارِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنْ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِيمَا يَزُوِيهِ عَنْ رَبِّهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى، أَنَّهُ قَالَ:

"يَا عِبَادِي: إِنِّي حَرَّمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي، وَجَعَلْتَهُ بَيْنَكُمْ مُحَرَّمًا؛ فَلَا تَظَالَمُوا"

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⁶ As narrated by the Prophet [(peace be upon him)] in Hadith 24, "A Forty Ahadith" by Imam Nawawi.