

Unions supporting Resolution 50

South African unions support CUPE Ontario resolution on Israel

[July 4, 2006 04:07 PM] On behalf of 1.2 million South African workers, Willie Madisha, president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), writes: "... with great pride, I congratulate CUPE Ontario for their historic resolution on May 27th in support of the Palestinian people -- those living under occupation and those millions of Palestinian refugees living in the Diaspora. We fully support your resolution."

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Steel Workers back CUPE Ontario

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June 13, 2006

Support resolution from Steelworkers Toronto Area Council

Dear Brother Ryan,

For your information, the following resolution was passed unanimously at yesterday's (Monday, June 12, 2006) meeting of the Steelworkers Toronto Area Council:

"The Toronto Area Council is concerned about the campaign being waged against CUPE Ontario for having passed "Resolution 50" at its recent Convention.

We wish to state that we:

- * Respect the right of CUPE Ontario members and the delegates to its Convention to decide on the policy of CUPE-Ontario according to its constitution, and reject any efforts to disrupt this decision-making process

- * Respect CUPE Ontario's record of solidarity with the oppressed, both inside and outside the labour movement; and

- * Respect CUPE Ontario's initiative to educate its members and the entire labour movement on the plight of the people of Palestine, and to take practical action in defence of Palestinian human rights."

In solidarity,

Carolyn Egan, President

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**National Public Services
workers' Union
PGFTU Affiliate**

البنابة الوطنية للعاملين في الخدمات
العامة
عضو الإتحاد العام لنقابات عمال فلسطين

Date: 13/6/2006

Ref.: 200/22/06

**To: Mr. Sid Ryar,
President
Canadian Union of Public Employees
(CUPE) Ontario**

Dear Sir,

The Palestinian Union of Public Services Employees hereby wishes to confirm that we support the efforts and campaigns for imposing pressure on Israel by means of boycotts, divestment and sanctions as long as Israel behaves as if above international law and world public opinion.

Palestinian PSE and all the Palestinian workers are committed to peace based on just solution of the Israeli -Palestinian conflict which leads to a Palestinian independent State.

We deeply appreciate your courageous stand for universal principles and the rights of the Palestinian people.

With sincere greetings from occupied Palestine.



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Ramallah, Sunday, 11, 2006

From: The General Union of Palestine Labor Vocational Association

To: Sid Ryan, President CUPE Ontario
CUPE Ontario Executive Members
Katherine Nastovski, Chair, CUPE Ontario Intern. Solidarity Committee.

To: The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Ontario branch

Object: CUPE Ontario Resolution n. 50

In the name of the General Union of Palestine Labor Vocational Association, representing 57 000 Palestinian workers organized in 12 professional unions and operating in 14 branches in all districts in the West Bank and Gaza*, we would like to express our full support to Resolution 50 of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), passed on March 27th 2006.

Palestinian civil society and political parties, including the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, all over Palestine and in the diaspora have given out on the 9th of July 2005 a unified statement calling for international boycott, divestment and sanctions on Israel.

Be assured that our workers, their organizations and our people all over the world have highly welcomed your decision to support this call until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.

We want to encourage the members of CUPE and its executive not to hesitate in the implementation of the outlined research and awareness raising process and to do their best to ensure the call for boycott, divestment and sanctions will have concrete effects on the ground.

The inevitable attacks of the pro-Israel lobby you are facing at the moment should not stop anybody but rather highlight the necessity of a widespread awareness raising campaign on the apartheid nature of the Israeli state and Canadian support for these practises. Your decision shows a strong commitment to international standards of Human Rights and can lead the way for many other Trade Unions to follow you. An informed public will not have any doubt about your ethical stands against oppression, occupation and racism.

Thanking you for your solidarity in this crucial moment,

The undersigned
(See below)

من: الإتحاد العام لنقابات عمال فلسطين المهنية.
الى- الإتحاد العام للعمال الكندي فرع انتاريو .
الموضوع: قرار رقم 50 لاتحاد العمال الكندي فرع انتاريو
السيد رئيس الإتحاد المحترم،

نيابة عن 14 فرعا للإتحاد العام لنقابات عمال فلسطين المهنية و 12 نقابة مهنية تخصصية منتخبة ديمقراطيا من قواعدها العمالية والتي تضم 57000 عامل في الضفة الغربية وغزة نود أن نعبر لكم عن دعمنا الكامل للقرار رقم 50 الذي اتخذه الإتحاد العام للعمال الكندي فرع انتاريو بتاريخ 27/3/2006 .
ان مؤسسات المجتمع المدني الفلسطيني والأحزاب السياسية والإتحاد العام لعمال فلسطين في الداخل والشركات قد أصدرت نداءا موحدًا بتاريخ 2005/7/9 تنادي فيه بمقاطعة دولية وسحب استثمارات وعقوبات ضد إسرائيل.



مؤكدين لكم أن مؤسساتنا وأهلنا يرحبون ويثمنون عاليا قراركم الداعم لندائنا حتى تستجيب إسرائيل لحقوق الشعب الفلسطيني في تقرير المصير وتلتزم بالقرارات الدولية بما فيها حق عودة اللاجئين الى بيوتهم حسب قرار الأمم المتحدة .194

إننا نود أن نشجع أعضاء الاتحاد العام للعمال الكنديين ولجنته التنفيذية أن لا يترددوا في تطبيق القرار ونشر الوعي وان يعملوا ما بوسعهم لتأكيد الدعوة للمقاطعة وسحب الاستثمارات وفرض العقوبات وتقوية الجهود المبذولة على ارض الواقع بهذا الاتجاه.

الهجوم المتوقع المعاكس من قبل اللوبي الإسرائيلي في هذه اللحظات يجب أن لا يثني جهودكم بل يجب أن يسלט الضوء على أهمية نشر الوعي بشكل اكبر وتفعيل الحملة ضد عنصرية لدولة إسرائيل والدعم الكندي الحكومي لها. ان قراركم يلتقي بقوة مع القرارات والمعايير الدولية لحقوق الإنسان ويفتح الطريق لكثير من الاتحادات للحاق بكم. ان موقفكم الأخلاقي لا يدع مجال للشك أنكم ضد الاضطهاد، والاحتلال، والعنصرية . شاكرين لكم هذا الموقف المبني في هذه الأوقات العصيبة . النقابات الموقعة

