



Towards peace & justice in the Middle East

Delegates to the 2006 CUPE Ontario convention voted almost unanimously on Resolution 50, which supports the international campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel until that state recognizes the Palestinian right to self-determination. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 50

SUBMITTED BY CUPE LOCALS 3903, 3907, 4600

CUPE Ontario will:

1. With Palestine solidarity and human rights organizations, develop an education campaign about the apartheid nature of the Israeli and the political and economic support of Canada for these practices.
2. Support the international campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions 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.
3. Call on CUPE National to commit to research into Canadian involvement in the occupation and call on the CLC to join us in lobbying against the apartheid-like practices of the Israeli state and call for the immediate dismantling of the wall.

Because:

- The Israeli Apartheid Wall has been condemned and determined illegal under international law.
- Over 170 Palestinian political parties, unions and other organizations including the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions issued a call in July 2005 for a global campaign of boycotts and divestment against Israel similar to those imposed against South African Apartheid.
- CUPE BC has firmly and vocally condemned the occupation of Palestine and have initiated an education campaign about the apartheid-like practices of the Israeli state.