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Human and Trade Union Rights and Equality / Israel and Palestine:

Draft Resolution on Israel and Palestine

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Recognising:

- (i) That, despite renewed international initiatives to bring both sides to the bargaining table, the quest for a just and lasting settlement between Israel and Palestine remains out of reach;
- (ii) that EI and the international community have a responsibility to stress their concerns over the violations of human rights and international norms of democratic behavior in Palestine;
- (iii) that EI, and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), understand the high priority and urgent necessity of reaching a negotiated comprehensive peace agreement between Israel and Palestine based on the creation of a viable state of Palestine with mutual security and respect between the two countries;
- (iv) that the current situation is impacting adversely on the education of children in Palestine and on the lives and working conditions of teachers.

Resolves:

- (i) that EI calls on the leaders of both Israel and the Palestine Authority to enter into good faith negotiations with the objective to create a viable Palestine state, to end the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and to achieve a peace agreement which will provide security for both Palestine and Israel. To be successful the details of such a settlement can only be determined through direct negotiations between both sides.
- (ii) that EI calls on the General Union of Palestine Teachers and the Israel Teachers' Union to encourage their respective governments to take every step necessary to reduce sources of conflict and cease violence between Israel and Palestine in order to prepare the ground for a negotiated settlement.
- (iii) that EI calls on its members and the international labor movement to publicly lobby for a recognition that the long term prospects for peace will depend on the creation of a viable Palestinian state and a universal recognition of Israel's right to exist.