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

3 **Draft Resolution on Higher Education Teaching Personnel in**
4 **Palestine**

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7 **Proposed by: CAUT-ACPPU/Canada and UCU/United Kingdom**
8 **Original language: English**
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12 **The 6th Education International (EI) World Congress meeting in Cape Town, South Africa,**
13 **from 22nd to 26th July 2011:**
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- 15 1. Notes the 2010 EI/CAUT report *The Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel in Israel,*
16 *the West Bank and Gaza* that found ongoing violations of the fundamental principles of the
17 *1997 UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Higher Education Teaching Personnel*, and
18 that these violations of academic and professional rights are most serious in the West Bank and
19 Gaza;
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- 21 2. Resolves to support the work of relevant and independent Israeli, Palestinian and international
22 human rights organizations to document violations within Israel, the West Bank and Gaza of
23 basic civil liberties, academic freedom, and professional rights and standards of academic staff
24 as affirmed in *1997 UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Higher Education Teaching*
25 *Personnel*;
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- 27 3. Acknowledges Israel's right to adopt appropriate measures consistent with international law to
28 protect the security of its citizens, but insists that the Israeli government allow for the free
29 movement of students and staff within the Occupied Palestinian Territories; permit student and
30 staff entry into and exit from the West Bank and Gaza; and, in accordance with international
31 human rights obligations, allow for the unimpeded passage of goods and services into the West
32 Bank and Gaza necessary and adequate to allow for normal economic activity and the sufficient
33 provision of essential services including education;
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- 35 4. Welcomes the pending application of the Palestinian Federation of Unions of University
36 Professors to join Education International and agrees to work with PFUPE to develop its
37 capacity to defend the academic and professional rights of staff in the West Bank and Gaza.