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EFSCRJ Calls on UN Members to Hold the US and Israel Accountable for Genocide

EF Small Centre hereby condemns the US for its veto against a draft resolution today June 4 calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza. The draft resolution was co-sponsored by Algeria, Denmark, Greece, Guyana, Pakistan, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and Somalia – collectively known as the E-10 – received 14 votes in favour, with the US casting the lone vote against.

The draft resolution makes a categorical call for “**immediate, dignified and unconditional release of all hostages held by Hamas and other groups.**” In expressing its grave concern for the “**catastrophic humanitarian situation**” in Gaza, the text called for the “**immediate and unconditional lifting of all restrictions**” to allow the free and full entry of humanitarian aid in Gaza, as well as guarantee the full safety and unhindered access for UN and humanitarian workers throughout Gaza.

The US veto demonstrates its unmistakable and consistent stance in enabling and protecting Israel, actively and fully in its genocidal campaign against the people of Palestine. Since the illegal occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel decades ago, the US has remained the most constant, unwavering, and determined backer of the genocidal intentions and actions of Israel. Not only has the US actively armed Israel but it has also gone further to punish international organizations, governments, independent bodies, businesses, media houses and individuals including students, journalists, academicians, and other experts in both the US and around the world for speaking out against Israeli genocide and in holding Israel accountable.

EFSCRJ hereby calls on the UN General Assembly to take urgent and drastic actions against the US and Israel by ensuring that the genocide in Gaza stops immediately. The Israel Occupation is illegal which has been certified by several UN agencies, international courts and organizations, governments, and several reputable human rights organizations around the world. It is a travesty therefore for the world to sit by to allow one set of people to oppress and annihilate another people on account of their origin, race, culture, and religion.

It was in 1948 that the UN created the Genocide Convention purposely to prevent and punish genocide in the wake of the Holocaust in which millions of Jews were annihilated by the Nazi regime in Germany between 1939 and 1945. Seventy seven years later, the world should not stand still to watch another genocide unfold live on our screens. The creation of the State of Israel in 1948 was itself an act of confronting genocide to uphold the liberty and dignity of human beings. Hence it should be unacceptable that a state that was created in response to genocide should be seen committing genocide against another people.

EFSCRJ stands in solidarity with the people of Palestine for self-determination and an end to the occupation. We hold the US and other backers of Israeli Occupation complicit in the Israeli genocide for which they must be held accountable.

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