

Closing statement

Because companies work across borders our solidarity has to do the same.

The trade union movement, acting in the spirit of international working class solidarity, and in defence of fundamental human rights, has consistently called for a just solution for the Palestinian people. The fundamental values of trade union internationalism mandates us to take concrete and effective action to support Palestinian workers in their struggle, to work towards the implementation of UN resolutions and to end our complicity.

It is in this spirit that we launched a call for a coordinated mobilisation of the European trade union movement two years ago to take effective action to bring an end to European complicity in Israel's violations of Palestinian workers' rights.

It is in the same spirit that we gathered together here in Barcelona to develop strategies for holding our governments and the EU as a representative body accountable, and put pressure on corporations to end their complicity with Israel's violations of international human rights law and uphold decent work.

As European trade unionists we condemn the latest massacre in Gaza that took place on May 14th, when over 60 Palestinians were killed, including seven children and around 2000 demonstrators were injured by Israeli snipers that fired live ammunition at protesters commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Nakba and protesting against the recent decision of Trump to move the US embassy to Jerusalem;. Since the beginning of the Great Return March when people of Gaza demonstrated to the world their refugees' right to return to their homeland 110 Palestinians were killed including 14 children and 12 600 were injured.

European military technology is being used for Israeli crimes against Palestinians. Reports from Amnesty International and other human rights organisations prove that Israel is testing new weapons on civilians in Gaza that will be sold in Europe and promoted as "field tested".

That is why in solidarity with Palestinians we commit ourselves to campaign and urge the EU and European governments to:

- suspend arms trade with Israel until human rights obligations are met
- end the occupation and the blockade of Gaza and for right of refugees of return
- support decent work and a viable Palestinian economy