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Draft text

The European Green Party (EGP) and its member parties are gravely concerned by the ongoing developments in the Middle East and the escalating situation that was already addressed in the resolution "The European Greens Stand for a Lasting End to Violence in Israel and Palestine" adopted at the EGP Congress of December 2023 after October 7th and the subsequent explosion of violence calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Since then, our concern has increased in the light of the ultranationalist far-right Israeli government's flagrant disregard of the ICJ's ruling that Israel must halt its military operations in Rafah and Gaza on the grounds that such actions could lead to conditions conducive to genocide. The humanitarian situation has continued to worsen with catastrophic consequences. Meanwhile, Hamas has continued violence and to hold hostages, who must be released immediately and unconditionally.

Over the past year, the escalation has spread across the region. In Lebanon, the Israeli government must immediately cease military strikes, ground operations, and indiscriminate acts against civilians, UN staff and peacekeepers, medical workers and journalists that are not aligned with international law. Hezbollah and other militant groups must enact an immediate cessation of missile and drone strikes and indiscriminate acts against civilians. The escalation on the Israeli-Lebanese border must cease so that the huge numbers of internally displaced people on both sides can return home. We condemn Iran's attacks in April and October 2024 against Israel as well as Iran's proxy policy in the region.

As European Greens, we are united in diversity and, without reservation, we consider it essential to take action to stop all violence and the crimes that we condemn with this resolution. It is borne out of the recognition that the EU and all European countries bear a historical responsibility to do everything in their power to prevent any genocidal developments in the world and help work towards peace. In line with different views across Europe, some Member Parties of the European Green Party consider the Palestinian people to be the victim of genocide, others consider that this statement needs to be ruled by an international court. This diversity does not prevent us from standing united in condemnation of all crimes and calling for a fair, just and lasting solution that includes the respect for the self-determination of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples.

As European Greens, we advocate for a lasting peaceful two-state solution on the basis of the 1967 borders and in accordance with international law. With the election of Donald Trump in the United States, united and resolute European action to build peace is more urgent than ever.

Therefore, the European Green Party, adopts the following points so that decisive, immediate actions can address the ongoing human rights violations and support the cessation of hostilities:

The European Green Party **calls on all parties to the conflict**:

- Implement an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the release of all Israeli hostages immediately and unconditionally

- work towards a two-state-solution on the basis of the 1967 borders and in

accordance with international law

- Abide by international treaties promoting peace and security, including the Geneva Convention and the 1951 Refugee Convention

- Negotiate a just solution for Palestinian refugees; right to return, while respecting the right to self-determination, with appropriate compensation for those who do not return

- Cooperate with all ICC arrest warrants

- Guarantee full human, civil, and political rights for all, regardless of religion or ethnicity. This means that Palestine must provide safeguards for Israelis, Israel must provide safeguards for Palestinians, and both must provide safeguards for other marginalized groups such as the LGBTQ+ community

- Respect and promote a tolerant environment for the free practice of all religious denominations, including the physical integrity of and access to religious buildings and spaces

- Respect the freedom of opinion and expression for parliamentarians, journalists, artists and all other civilians and make sure that people are freely able to exercise these rights in a safe and respectful environment

The EGP calls upon the EU, member states and other European states to:

- Recognize the gravity of the ongoing breaches of international law and take action to prevent further breaches

- Condemn all violations of international law, specifically violence against civilians, aid workers, medical staff, and a record number of UN staff

- Call for accountability regarding the attacks on UNIFIL peacekeepers in Lebanon

- Sustain humanitarian aid for Palestine by all means necessary and increase support for UNRWA to end the increasingly dire famine and health

conditions affecting Palestinian people, especially and urgently after the Knesset's vote to ban UNWRA

- Recognize the right of Palestinian and Israeli people to self-determination, while also reaffirming support for a solution that enables durable peace grounded in equality and human rights

- Recognize the state of Palestine as a step towards the two-state-solution and welcome it into the United Nations

- Impose targeted sanctions on Israeli, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iranian, and any other individuals or entities implicated in war crimes, crimes against humanity, or human right abuses. Such sanctions can include travel bans, asset freezes, and restrictions on financial transactions

- Ensure Israel abides by Article 2 of the EU-Israel association agreement, respecting human rights and democratic principles, and establish a pathway to terminate the agreement if deemed necessary over concerns for human rights and democratic principles

- Except for equipment and assistance related to missile defence, call for comprehensive EU arms embargo on Israel due to the overriding risk that arms will be used to commit serious human rights violations and crimes under international law in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. The EU Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on arms exports does not allow exports which could contribute to human rights abuses

- Increase funding for political education about the conflict, antisemitism, and anti-Muslim racism, and strengthen youth exchange programmes between Europeans, Israelis, and Palestinians

- Condemn antisemitic and anti-Muslim hate crimes, in public and online

- Condemn the criminalisation and police violence against pro-Palestine protestors in Europe

Furthermore, **we call upon the Israeli government to**:

- Facilitate humanitarian aid and supplies into Palestine and ensure unimpeded access for humanitarian actors

- Reverse its recent ban on the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) whose role is crucial and irreplaceable in alleviating human suffering in Gaza and providing vital services to millions of Palestinian refugees

- End the sea and land blockade on Gaza immediately

- Cease illegal settlements and return land to rightful Palestinian owners in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 242, 252, and 446

- Address the increase in settler violence and end the use of excessive force by the Israeli military in the West Bank, which have led to killings, injuries, displacement, and increased movement restrictions

- Withdraw its forces to internationally recognized Israeli territory

- Allow Palestinians and Israelis to move freely. Safety controls must not be used as a means of discrimination

- Immediately release all Palestinians arbitrarily detained, particularly minors

- Stop using administrative detention and ensure the right to a fair trial

Finally, **we call upon the international community to**:

- Do everything in its power to de-escalate the conflict and prevent its further spread and to supportindependent civil society in Israel and Palestine that work on peacebuilding

- Carry out full and independent investigations into all potential violations of international law

- Hold those who break international law accountable and support the work of the International Criminal Court

- Pressure all countries that are directly or indirectly involved, such as Israel, USA, Iran and Qatar to join the ICC

- Enforce warrants issued by the ICC. This must begin with the end to the active blocking of ICC jurisdiction by the UK and US Governments. At the same time, Qatar, which is used as a residence by some Hamas leaders to escape justice, must cooperate with the Court.

Conclusion

The European Green Party stands firm in its commitment to justice, peace, and the protection of human rights. We call for sustainable and long-term solutions to address the root causes of the situation, and we express our solidarity with all victims. The international community must act decisively to end the violence and support a just and lasting resolution.

Background

In the light of the latest developments in the Middle East and following-up on the resolution adopted in the EGP online Congress in 2023 and the resolution adopted at the FYEG General Assembly in 2024, the EGP Committee and FYEG propose this text to take as a basis to update the Party's position on the situation in the Middle East.

The EGP Committee and FYEG consider that based on previous experience, the EGP and its members parties have largely showed a spirit for compromise and understanding, even for sensitive topics such as this one. We hope that the clear balances and nuances found in this proposal can bring us together to continue advocating for peace in the region.

Supporters

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