



ILPS in Canada - 5th Assembly Resolutions

1. Resolution on Palestinian Political Prisoners

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun)

- Whereas, Khalil Awawdeh, a Palestinian political prisoner jailed without charge or trial, has been on hunger strike against his illegitimate detention by the Israeli regime for the past 94 days, and
- Whereas, Raed Rayan, a Palestinian political prisoner jailed without charge or trial, has been on hunger strike against his illegitimate detention for the past 59 days, and
- Whereas, the lives of Khalil and Raed are severely endangered as both have already suffered serious health deterioration during their strikes,
- Whereas, there are nearly 600 Palestinians jailed without charge or trial under indefinitely renewable administrative detention orders, among approximately 4500 Palestinian prisoners, and
- Whereas, all 600 administrative detainees are currently boycotting the occupation military courts in a collective demand to end administrative detention, including 80-year-old Palestinian leader and lawyer Bashir Al Khairy and Jerusalemite lawyer Salah Hamouri, threatened with deportation, and
- Whereas, there are nearly 200 Palestinian child prisoners and many more Palestinian youth initially imprisoned as children, including Ahmad Manasra, who are denied education and appropriate physical and mental healthcare, and
- Whereas, the colonization of Palestine is funded and backed by imperialist powers including Canada, The US, Britain and European states, and
- Whereas, the Palestinian prisoners are leaders of the Palestinian people and their resistance, and their liberation is central to the liberation of Palestine

Be in resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Calls for the immediate liberation of Khalil Awawdeh and Raed Rayan and calls on ILPS organizations to engage in public campaigns for their freedom;
- Calls for the end of administrative detention and the liberation of all Palestinians jailed without charge or trial, and urges organizations to publicize and support the administrative detainees' collective boycott by building boycott campaigns against the Israeli regime;
- Urges the immediate release of Salah Hamouri and Bashir Al Khairy and will work to stand with Palestinians in Jerusalem fighting further displacement, ethnic cleansing and and forced expulsion and to stand with Palestinian lawyers and people's rights defenders targeted for their work
- Calls for the immediate release of Ahmad Manasra and all child prisoners and pledges to organize, publicize and support campaigns for their release
- Urges the immediate release of Palestinian prisoners in imperialist jails such as Georges Ibrahim Abdallah in France and the Holy Land Foundation Five in the US; and
- Reiterates its commitment to organize for the liberation of all Palestinian prisoners and all political and revolutionary prisoners around the world, as part and parcel of the struggle to defeat Zionism, imperialism and reaction and achieve justice and liberation in Palestine.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

2. Resolution to support the efforts of the resistance to break the siege on the Gaza Strip

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun), Khaled Barakat (Masir Badil).

- Whereas, Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have been subjected to a brutal siege by the Israeli occupation regime for the past 15 years, and
- Whereas, this siege is fully backed and implemented by imperialist powers, including Canada, the US, Britain, Australia and European states, and
- Whereas, the siege is also carried out with the participation of Arab reactionary regimes such as Egypt that act at the behest of imperialist powers while normalizing with Israel, and
- Whereas, the siege has been deadly, cutting access to healthcare, travel, education and economic development for Palestinians in Gaza, and

- Whereas, the siege is an expression of settler colonialism, apartheid and occupation, attempting to divide Palestinians from one another and their land, and
- Whereas, the siege on Gaza has specifically targeted productive sectors of the economy, such as small farmers and fishers, who are central to Palestinian food sovereignty, and
- Whereas, the Gaza Strip is a center of Palestinian resistance that has resisted 4 Israeli wars of destruction in the past 13 years.

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will organize to support efforts to break the siege on Gaza and work together with organizations to highlight and oppose Canadian complicity and responsibility for the siege, and
- Reiterates its commitment to ending the siege as part and parcel of the road to the liberation of all of Palestine from the river to the sea, the implementation of the right to return for Palestinian refugees, and our support for the Palestinian people inside and outside Palestine and their organizing and resistance by all means to achieve that liberation.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

3. Resolution on right-wing Zionist attacks on Palestinians and Palestine solidarity organizations

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun)

- Whereas, the ILPS strongly supports the Palestinian people's liberation struggle for justice and freedom throughout occupied Palestine from the river to the sea, the right to return of all exiled and displaced Palestinians, and the right to resist by all means necessary, and
- Whereas, the ILPS stands with our Palestinian comrades organizing in Palestine and in exile and diaspora to achieve those goals, and
- Whereas, the ILPS strongly supports the efforts in trade unions, universities, churches and other institutions to end complicity with Zionist colonialism in Palestine, including through boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns, and
- Whereas, pro-apartheid, right-wing and Zionist organizations such as CIJA, Bnai Brith, Canary Mission, the ADL and others are engaged in smear campaigns against Palestinian activists and Palestine solidarity activists in an attempt to criminalize and repress these activities, and
- Whereas, the right-wing National Post published a front page article targeting Palestinian writer Khaled Barakat as part of this campaign of attacks against student organizers, labour organizers, Palestinian community organizers and others working for justice in Palestine, and

- Whereas, organizations across Canada including Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, the Palestinian Youth Movement and student organizations such as SPHR and SJP chapters, have been targeted by such attacks, and
- Whereas, these attacks have been brought to the floor of the Canadian Senate and emboldened by Canadian official support for Zionism and rejection of all efforts to address and confront apartheid and settler colonialism, and
- Whereas, similar attacks are rampant in the United States as well as in Britain and Europe, where the French government has attempted to ban the Collectif Palestine Vaincra and other Palestine solidarity organizations and where the Berlin police in Germany banned all demonstrations commemorating the 74th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, and
- Whereas, the ILPS 5th Assembly was subject to such a campaign in an attempt to bar the ILPS from organizing the assembly in public space

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Supports the campaign by the Canada Palestine Association against Zionist smear campaigns and will work to publicize and organize with our Palestinian comrades to confront anti-Palestinian repression and right-wing attacks, and that we support Khaled Barakat, Samidoun, the PYM and the many activists and organizations subjected to these attacks. The ILPS understands Zionism as a form of racism and an expression of colonialism and imperialism and firmly opposes Zionism and the attacks generated by Zionist and imperialist forces.
- Further, we pledge to escalate our activity for Palestinian liberation and support for the Palestinian people and their resistance as the most important way to challenge these repressive campaigns.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

4. Resolution on the murder of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun)

- Whereas, Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh was assassinated by Israeli occupation forces in Jenin refugee camp on May 11, 2022, and
- Whereas, Palestinian journalist Ghufran Warasneh was assassinated by Israeli occupation forces as she traveled to work on June 1, 2022, and
- Whereas, Ghufran Warasneh was a former political prisoner, and
- Whereas, there is a long history of Israeli assassinations of Palestinian journalists, writers and spokespeople, including the assassination on July 8, 1972 of Palestinian writer and revolutionary political leader Ghassan Kanafani, and

- Whereas, over 50 Palestinian journalists have been killed by the Israeli occupation in the past 22 years and dozens more imprisoned, and
- Whereas, imperialist powers like Canada, the US, Britain and European states continue to support this assassination policy in practice even while expressing words of 'concern' unaccompanied by sanctions or any meaningful action,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will act to support campaigns to defend and protect Palestinian journalists and all peoples' journalists targeted for their exposure of the crimes of the Israeli regime, imperialist powers and other reactionary forces, and will participate in and organize activities remembering Shireen Abu Aqleh and all targeted journalists.
- Will support the call by Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network and the Palestinian Youth Movement to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Ghassan Kanafani on July 8, 2022.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

5. Resolution on affirming the pro-Palestinian position of the ILPS and support of Masar Badil

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun)

- Whereas, the ILPS supports Palestinian liberation struggles to free all of Palestine from the river to the sea, and
- Whereas, the ILPS unconditionally affirms the Palestinian refugees' right and the right of all displaced and exiled Palestinians to return to their original homes, lands and properties as essential to the liberation of Palestine, and
- Whereas, Canada along with other imperialist powers has continually acted to deny and suppress this individual and collective inalienable Palestinian right,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will mobilize in support of the call of the Masar Badil, the Palestinian Alternative Revolutionary Path Movement, for return and liberation marches in late October 2022 and will participate in the marches and in events in preparation for these marches in cities in Canada and internationally.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

6. Resolution on opposing the use of the terror label to brand activists as terrorists

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun), Chase Nelson (Canada-Philippines Solidarity for Human Rights)

- Whereas, the use of the terror label is used by imperialist and reactionary regimes around the world to suppress peoples' movements and liberation struggles, including in occupied Palestine, the Philippines, Canada, the U.S. and many other places, and
- Whereas, these terror labels act to criminalize revolutionary organizing and campaigns for justice, and
- Whereas, Palestinian, Filipino, Lebanese, Tamil, Latin American, Irish, and other liberation movement organizations are listed on Canadian and US terror lists, and
- Whereas, repression has been formalized by the Philippine government through such measures as the Anti-Terrorism Act and the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and
- Whereas, nearly all Palestinian resistance organizations and political parties are labelled terrorist by the Israeli occupation, and
- Whereas, in February 2021, Israel labelled Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network a terrorist organization, followed by listings in August and October 2021 of nine more community based or human rights organizations, and
- Whereas, such designations have no legal effect outside these areas yet are continually used to suppress activism around the world, criminalize and threaten organizers and further exclude Palestinians and Filipinos from their homelands, and
- Whereas, terror lists aim to separate peoples in exile and diaspora from their nations and solidarity movements from the resistance and revolutionary forces leading Liberation struggles,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will campaign to support the Revolutionaries Are Not Terrorists campaign, campaigns to scrap the terror lists and to delist liberation organizations. We will further work in solidarity with our member organizations and all organizations and individuals targeted by red tagging, terror designations and related state repression.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

7. Resolution on supporting the founding of the International Women's Alliance in Canada

Submitted by: Tess Tesalona (Centre for Philippine Concerns)

- Whereas IWA Canada will hold a founding assembly in Montreal on October 14-16th 2022,
- Whereas IWA Canada came out of the ILPS Commission 7
- Whereas ILPS promotes the cause of Women's Liberation as part of people's liberation,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Supports the IWA Canada founding assembly by assisting in fundraising efforts to allow as many delegates as possible to attend,
- Adopt this event as one of its priorities in 2022 and develops a program to make Commission 7 a vibrant and functional commission.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

8. Resolution on resource extraction and opposing the tar-sands industry

Submitted by: Billie Pierre (Nlaka'pamux Nation)

- Whereas the Tar sands are a threat to humanity. It's one of the biggest industry projects in the world and produces the dirtiest oil, releasing the highest level of climate-polluting greenhouse gasses, putting the entire planet at risk. The US is the number one buyer of the Tarsands oil. In fact, the US military has been the number one buyer of Tar Sands oil which further puts everyone on the planet at risk.. Pipeline development and oil refineries along the east and west coast of the US directly negatively impact Indigenous land, and communities, often lower income, and BIPOC communities.

Be it Resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Oppose Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion, the Tar Sands and any infrastructure project that supports the Tar Sands industry, and
- Support existing campaigns, pressure investors, and raise awareness about the impacts this industry has on Indigenous, POC, impoverished, and working class people.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

9. Resolution on the Marcos-Duterte tandem

Submitted by: Rhea Gamana (BAYAN Canada)

- Whereas, the Filipino people are yet again facing another tyrant, dictatorial and fascist regime through the recent election of Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos and Sara Duterte as President-elect and

Vice-President elect. We see that this is only a continuation of the outgoing tyrant President Rodrigo Duterte's anti-people policies such as war on drugs, the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020, the continuous redtagging by the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and other policies that trample the democratic and political rights of the Filipino people. The new tandem will only sow fear and further degradation of the lives of the Filipino people and the nation.

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Call for the support of the international community to amplify our call for the rejection of the Marcos-Duterte tandem, to provide public opinion to the Canadian people on the current issues of the Filipino people, and continuous support for the national liberation of the Filipino people against any foreign intervention, particularly US imperialism.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

10. Resolution on sanctions, blockades, and coercive economic measures

Submitted by: Charlotte Kates (Samidoun)

- Whereas, sanctions and coercive economic measures are a weapon used by imperialism to attack peoples and nations seeking sovereignty, self-determination and liberation and,
- Whereas, the International Peoples' Tribunal on U.S. Imperialism: Sanctions, Blockades, and Coercive Economic Measures is being organized for 2023 as an internationalist effort to undermine sanctions and challenge U.S. imperialism (sanctionstribunal.org),
- Whereas several ILPS organizations are co sponsors and endorsers of this effort,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will endorse, promote and participate in the tribunal and its conclusions as part of its efforts challenging US-led imperialism.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

11. Resolution on creating a general program of action for the ILPS in Canada

Submitted by: Carl Cortes (Canada-Philippine Solidarity for Human Rights)

- Whereas the organized efforts of the state in attacking Anti-Imperialist organizations and individuals,
- Whereas there is a need for unified campaigns,

- Whereas there is a need to systematize the work of the ILPS in Canada,
- Whereas ILPS's current constitution does not mandate a general program of action,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Create a general program of action (GPOA), that addresses the political unity and direction of the alliance. The general assembly mandates the coordinating committee to implement the GPOA until the next General Assembly whereas a new GPOA will be presented.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

12. Resolution on support migrants' campaigns

Submitted by: Danilo De Leon (Migrante Canada)

- Whereas migration is a tool of imperialism that extracts cheap labour from countries like the Philippines and exploit them in host countries like Canada,
- Whereas many migrant workers end up in precarious conditions due to barriers in the host country and continued conditions in their home countries that force them to migrate,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Supports Migrante Canada's regularization campaign,
- As an immediate step, ILPS in Canada to support the campaign to stop the deportation of Evangeline "Vangie" Cayanan and other migrants like her.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

13. Resolution on the Children's Aid Society and child welfare in Canada

Submitted by: Julian Ichim (Anti-Colonialist Working Group)

- Whereas, CAS [Children Aid Society] was started by residential schools,
- Whereas CAS targets poor and Indigenous families,
- Whereas CAS leads to homelessness,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Will speak out and with other progressive forces and fight CAS.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

14. Resolution on the 2022 NATO Summit and the No to NATO campaign

Submitted by: Barbara Waldern (Just Peace Committee)

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Educate, organize, and mobilize against the 2022 NATO summit in June. Not only do we commit to solidarity with the NO TO NATO campaign and actions, but we also commit to coordinated cross-Canada action, whether initiated by ourselves or our allies in the peace movement. We further commit to the call to get Canada out of NATO as well as the call to dismantle NATO altogether.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

15. Resolution on Irish sovereignty and the Good Friday Agreement

Submitted by: Louisa Worrell (32 County Sovereignty Movement)

- Whereas Ireland still has not achieved full sovereignty. The Good Friday agreement serves to perpetuate neo-colonial British rule in Ireland.

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Oppose the Good Friday agreement,
- Commits to continuing to uphold the Irish sovereignty struggle.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

16. Resolution on Haitian self-determination and supporting the Haitian Coalition against the Dictatorship

Submitted by: Raphael Laflamme (Centre for Philippine Concerns)

- Whereas neoliberal structural adjustment programmes impoverish the Haitian people
- Whereas agro-capitalist and imperialist violence towards the Haitian peasantry. An end to American and Canadian extractivism and theft of their land
- Whereas the core group, which exercises control over Haiti and impedes the self-determination of the Haitian people.
- Whereas Canada, USA, France, and other imperialist countries stop supporting the PHTK regime which spreads terror in Haiti by gangsterising the territory through kidnappings by the state, collective rape, massacres, and repression of protesters.

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- Support Haitian self-determination,
- And supports Haitian solutions to the crisis put forward by the living forces of the country.

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]

17. Resolution on inviting organized labour and unions to the ILPS

Submitted by: Louisa Worrell (32 County Sovereignty Movement)

- Whereas the working class is a powerful weapon for the working class of the anti-imperialist movement,

Be it resolved that ILPS in Canada:

- *Welcomes and encourages all organized labour member organizations.*

[PASSED UNANIMOUSLY]